WALKER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LOWER-LEVEL COMMUNITY ROOM
DALE AND HARRIET JONES WALKER PUBLIC LIBRARY
203 TOWER AVENUE, WALKER, MINNESOTA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

Call to Order – Mayor Worth

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmembers present: Erin Haefele, Mary Beth Hansen, Jerecho Worth
- Councilmember absent: Gary Wilkening
- Staff members present: Hope Fairchild, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

- Others present during portions of the meeting include:

Gene Granberg, Self	Maggie Melby, Self
Mara Loomis, Self	Christian Ridlon, Self

Consent Agenda – Mayor Worth

M/S Hansen/Haefele to approve of consent agenda items 1 through 3 as follows, waiving the reading.

1. Approve of paying invoice number ARIV1079725 in the amount of $11,680.50 to Ulteig Operations, LLC for Tower Avenue Extension project professional services through December 31, 2025.
2. Approve of paying Application for Payment #4 in the amount of $25,907.07 to Hy-Tec Construction for Park Public Restrooms construction through December 31, 2025.
3. Approve of request to transfer $38,083.00 from the Library Capital Project Fund to the General Fund effective December 31, 2025 for naming rights donations received in 2025.

Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, Hansen, Worth Nays:
Motion passed (3-0)

Public Hearings – Mayor Worth

None.

Scheduled Presentations – Mayor Worth

None.

City Staff Comments – Administrator Fairchild
None.

Budget, Administration & Public Works – Councilmember Wilkening
1. **M/S Haefele/Worth** to approve of the Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit from Northstar Sportsmen Club to conduct a raffle at the Walker Area Community Center, located at 105 Tower Avenue E.
   Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, Hansen, Worth Nays:
   Motion passed (3-0)
2. **M/S Haefele/Hansen** to appoint Gene Granberg to fill the open Walker City Council seat for the remainder of 2027.
   Roll Call: Ayes: Haefele, Hansen, Worth Nays:
   Motion passed (3-0)

Personnel, Planning and Zoning & Airport – Councilmember Hansen
None.

Library, Cemetery & Parks – Councilmember Haefele
None.

Announcements – Mayor Worth
- City Hall and the DMV will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- Upcoming meeting dates:
  - Public Works Committee meeting: 1/20/2026 at 7:00 a.m. (Lower-Level Community Room within the Dale and Harriet Jones Walker Public Library)
  - Park Advisory Board meeting: 1/27/2026 at 5:00 p.m. (Lower-Level Community Room within the Dale and Harriet Jones Walker Public Library)
  - Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments meeting: 1/26/2026 at 6:00 p.m. (Lower-Level Community Room within the Dale and Harriet Jones Walker Public Library)
  - City Council meeting: 2/02/2026 at 5:00 p.m. (Lower-Level Community Room within the Dale and Harriet Jones Walker Public Library)

Adjournment – Mayor Worth
Mayor Worth adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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Jerecho Worth, Mayor Hope Fairchild, City Administrator/Clerk-Trs.