**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF WALHALLA CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING MONDAY MAY 6, 2019**

Mayor Belanus called the regular meeting of the Walhalla City Council to order, 7:00 P.M., Monday May 6, 2019 at city hall.

Aldermen Present: Karen Dumas, Larry Schill, Raela Kalis, Myrna Styles and Steve Gapp.

Aldermen Absent: None

Also Present: Jason Berg, Levi Penner, Leeroy Carpenter, John Marshall, Matthew Wright, and Larry Dubois.

Motion by Mr. Gapp and second by Mrs. Dumas to approve the tax abatement of Dawn Schurman. Roll call vote: Mrs. Kalis, yes; Mr. Schill, yes; Mrs. Styles, yes; Mrs. Dumas, yes; and Mr. Gapp, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Dumas and second by Mr. Gapp to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019. Ayes, all; Nays, none. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Kalis and second by Mrs. Styles to approve the minutes of the Board of Equalization minutes of April 9, 2019. Ayes, all; Nays, none. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Dumas and second by Mrs. Kalis to approve the financial report. Ayes, all; Nays, none. Motion passed.

Communications:

 The city received a letter from Jackson’s Bar, Inc. to transfer their liquor license to the American Legion for wedding dances on June 8th and June 15th of 2019. They stated they have the required liability insurance in place for these events. Motion made by Mr. Gapp and second by Mrs. Styles to approve the liquor license extension with proof of dram shop insurance. Ayes, all; Nays, none. Motion passed.

The city received a letter from Leeroy Carpenter submitting his name for the open seat on the city council. Tabled until next meeting.

The city received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the city on earning recognition as a 2018 Tree City USA. The award will be presented at the city’s Arbor Day ceremony.

The city received a letter of thanks from the 2019 After Prom Party Committee.

The city received a letter from the North Dakota Department of Transportation regarding the Vision Zero plan. This plan is focused on eliminating motor vehicle crash fatalities. They are reminding cities to refresh pavement lines and crosswalk lines to help with Vision Zero.

Request from Jon Toews to close off part of main street on July 6th for stereo competition. Tabled until next meeting so we can get a time frame for competition.

The city received a letter from Midco regarding updated pricing packages.

Bad debts owed to the city were discussed. Motion by Mrs. Dumas and second by Mr. Schill to write off the Valhalla Body Art loan from the city. Roll call vote: Mrs. Kalis, yes; Mr. Schill, yes; Mrs. Styles, No; Mrs. Dumas, yes Mr. Gapp, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Schill and second by Mrs. Dumas to write off the Kalis Excavating loan from the city. Roll call vote: Mrs. Kalis, no; Mr. Schill, yes; Mrs. Styles, no; Mrs. Dumas, yes, Mr. Gapp, no. Motion failed. A judgment will be filed.

A motion was made by Mr. Gapp and second by Mrs. Styles to approve building permits for the following people: Ross Blair, Randy Wieler, Michael Smith, Ross Blair Shop, Assembly of God Church, Lorna and Stacy Hiebert and Kelly Sehrt. Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Services, Building Permits, Streets & Alleys: Motion by Mrs. Dumas and second by Mrs. Kalis to approve paving of clinic parking lot. Roll call vote, Mrs. Kalis, yes; Mr. Schill, yes; Mrs. Styes, yes; Mrs. Dumas, yes; and Mr. Gapp, yes. Motion passed. The extended city landfill hours are set to May 8th through May 19th, 2019.

Police, Fire and Traffic: Hiring of a second officer discussed. Tabled until after meeting with county commissioners.

Financial & Economic Development, Development Corp: City sales tax discussed. Determined it was never designated for any specific fund.

Board of Health, City Buildings & Recreation: Reported that Bella Apartments has ordered tenants to be out by June 1, 2019. Library ceiling needs to be fixed now that water leaking has been repaired. City will get bids for repairs.

Mrs. Styles made a motion to pay all bills, second by Mrs. Dumas. Roll call vote: Mrs. Styles, yes; Mrs. Dumas, yes; Mrs. Kalis, yes; Mr. Schill, yes, but abstained from Schill Shop bill; Mr. Gapp, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dumas made a motion to designate the Walhalla Mountaineer as the official newspaper. Mrs. Kalis seconded. Ayes, all; Nays, none. Motion passed.

John Marshall of Walhalla Meat Company addressed the council regarding renewing his lease.

Motion by Mr. Gapp and second by Mrs. Styles to adjourn the meeting. Ayes, all; Nays, none. Motion passed.

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Mayor/President Auditor

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