

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 17, 2012

The City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in special session with Mayor Larsen presiding. Council present: Frahm, True, Bierbaum, Shepherd. Council absent: Humann.

Guests in attendance: Jeff Hansen, Justen Tooley, Kenneth Peters, Kenny Suhr, Paul Lees, Brett Petersen, Dale Conrad, Linda Conrad, Deb Martin, Rex Sievers, Darrell Stamp, Bob Holst, Rich Schenck, Steve Epley, Larry Madson, Gene Troll, Ann Johnk, Bryan Greve, and Frank Reyna.

City staff in attendance: Terri Abel and Jim Blum.

Motion by Shepherd, seconded by True to approve the agenda. Ayes: True, Shepherd, Bierbaum, Frahm. Carried.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible changes in the Fire Department budget and the planned purchase of capital equipment and to discuss the condition of the sidewalks in the Business District.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning possible changes in the fire budget and the planned purchase of capital equipment. Mayor Larsen reminded those in attendance that based upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, the City Council had previously approved a motion to include a line item on the annual budget for the purchase of capital equipment for the Fire Department, payable by Layton, Lincoln, and Monroe Townships to the City of Walnut. This line item would appear on the budget beginning in January of 2013, payable after FY 13-14. Mayor Larsen clarified that the Fire Department is owned by the City of Walnut. The townships have an agreement with the City of Walnut to purchase fire protection services.

Mayor Larsen stated that he had read the minutes from the previous Fire Board meeting, and he was aware of the objections to the City's change in policy that had been voiced by the various township trustees. Larsen prefaced the discussion by reminding those in attendance that anyone who wishes to speak during the course of the City Council meeting should first be recognized by the Mayor.

Larsen summarized some of the objections that had surfaced at the last Fire Board meeting. Some of the trustees wanted to continue to keep control of the township money until the money would be needed to purchase equipment. The fact that Lincoln Township did not have enough money to purchase a quick attack when needed caused the City Council to consider a change in policy. There had also been discussion concerning the timing for the purchase of a replacement vehicle. The last vehicle was purchased six years ago; however, FEMA technically financed the majority of the purchase. According to Larsen, the Fire Department is willing to wait the actual ten years from the last purchase in order to give Lincoln Township time to accumulate its portion of the funding. The City Council adopted the motion to include the line item on the annual budget for the purchase of capital equipment in order to alleviate future funding problems. It has been the policy of the Fire Department to replace one vehicle every ten years. The Council decided that since the townships receive fire service every year, the townships would be billed every year for fire service and capital replacement.

Kenny Suhr, a trustee of Lincoln Township, questioned the percentages that are charged for fire protection. He quoted the populations for the various entities according to the 2010 census as follows: Lincoln Township, 171; Layton Township, 217; Monroe Township, 261; and the City of Walnut, 785. Fire Chief Justen Tooley stated that there is a State formula for fire protection which considers fire calls, property valuation, and population of the area served. The percentages for all of the entities have remained the same for the past several years at the following rates: Layton Township, 30%; Lincoln Township, 30%; Monroe Township, 15%; and the City of Walnut, 25%. Tooley commented that there had been discussion concerning perhaps recalculating the percentages every two years, when the resolutions extending the Agreement for Fire Protection Services between the townships and the City of Walnut are considered. Abel stated that the current agreement extends until June 30, 2013. Tooley stated that the calculation for last year's expenses using last year's calls, population, and valuation was run and the percentages calculated to nearly the same as the current percentages. The population was estimated on a house-by-house basis. Ann Johnk pointed out that there were a total of 49 calls last year; 20 of those calls were either on the Interstate or mutual aid calls. When calculating the percentages, Tooley stated that only actual fire calls were

considered; mutual aid calls were disregarded. Interstate calls were also not considered because most of those calls were wrecks requiring EMS response. Justen stated that the City derives revenue from ambulance calls, and the townships are not levying property taxes for ambulance service. The ambulance is purchased by the City of Walnut through revenue that is derived from the ambulance service and tax money from the residents of Walnut. None of the money that is paid by the townships for capital equipment would benefit the purchase of a replacement ambulance.

Mayor Larsen stated that it is not the intent of the City or the Fire Department to be unfair to any of the townships. He suggested that the City calculate the percentages every two years when extensions to the fire agreement are considered. He further suggested that the calculation would be open for inspection.

Kenny Suhr reported that Lincoln Township had recently met with Lynn Grobe, who is a member of the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors. Grobe felt that Lincoln Township should be paying less than Layton Township because of the recent construction of wind turbines in Layton Township. Mayor Larsen stated that Layton Township has not yet realized any increased valuation from the turbines; however, once that occurs, the State formula calculation would definitely result in an increased percentage rate for Layton Township.

Monroe Township Trustee Larry Madson prefaced his comments by remarking that the Walnut Fire Department is one of the finest fire departments in the area. He questioned whether the City of Walnut was the owner of the Fire Department. Mayor Larsen stated that the operation of the Fire Department is a portion of the City's budget, and the City is ultimately responsible. The townships purchase fire protection from the City of Walnut. Accordingly, the affected township trustees have the opportunity to provide guidance and recommendations to the City for Fire Department matters; however, the City of Walnut has the ultimate decision making capabilities. Following the same thought process, any bequest money that is given to the Fire Department is ultimately owned by the City of Walnut. Mayor Larsen clarified that the City of Walnut owns the Fire Department and Layton, Lincoln, and Monroe Townships are customers of the City. The townships have the ability to assist with budget decisions and make recommendations to the City Council.

Mayor Larsen reported that the Mayor, two City Council members, two Fire Department members, and the City Clerk recently met with City Attorney Richard Schenck to discuss some of the objections that had been voiced by the trustees at the last Fire Board meeting. During the meeting, the bequests that had been given to the Fire Department were discussed at length. Larsen stated that the money was given to the Fire Department, which is controlled by the City. The City Council and the Mayor feel that the volunteer members of the Fire Department should have the say as to how that money is spent, with Council approval. The conclusion was drawn that the money was not given to the Fire Department to lower anyone's property taxes, either City citizens or township citizens. The money was given to improve the Fire Department. The Mayor stated that the replacement of fire vehicles is essentially an ongoing expense which occurs every ten years. The Fire Department members do not want to spend any of the principal of the money. The Department has spent some of the interest that has been derived from the bequest on equipment, such as the \$25,000.00 purchase of the Jaws of Life. The members of the Fire Department had agreed to spend interest money only for equipment; it was voted not to spend any of the \$500,000.00 principal. The Fire Department chose to spend some of the bequest interest for the equipment. Mayor Larsen stated that the City does not feel that the bequest money should be used to replace capital equipment that should be the financial responsibility of the taxpayers. The Mayor said that bequests are made to the Fire Department largely because of the caliber of its members who do such an excellent job for the community and the surrounding area. Larsen summarized that the City Council has the final decision making process regarding the operation of the Fire Department.

Larry Madson stated that Monroe Township has been quite conscientious about financially preparing itself for the purchase of capital equipment by levying taxes appropriately. He said that Monroe Township has always had the funding available when it has become time to purchase a vehicle. The change in City policy would require the townships to pay upfront for the eventual purchase of a vehicle, which left Madson somewhat uncomfortable. He questioned whether there would be any guarantee regarding the eventual cost of a vehicle and if the townships would be expected to share in the cost of any overages. He also questioned whether the City would be willing to

guarantee that any overages would be paid out of the bequest money. Justen Tooley stated that according to State Code, townships have the ability to create a reserve account for fire, setting aside not more than \$.30 per \$1,000.00 worth of valuation. Accordingly, Tooley stated that it would not be legal for the townships to be expected to pay more than the allowable amount for a vehicle. A schedule for the calculation for the proposed purchase of a quick attack was distributed for review. The Mayor reported that the schedule was intended as a guideline for the purchase of a quick attack at the end of FY 16-17. A new schedule will be prepared for the next replacement vehicle. The figures will most certainly change; however, the townships will not be expected to pay more than what is allowed by State Code.

Mayor Larsen reported that many fire departments are already charging the maximum amount for fire protection. He further added that the Walnut Fire Department is one of the few departments that are charging less than the maximum allowable levy. Townships are limited in the amounts that may be levied for certain purposes. Fire and emergency services levy rate is 40 and ½ cents per thousand, with an additional 20 and ¼ cents available if needed, for a maximum levy of 60 and ¾ cents per thousand. Only 30 cents per thousand of that levy can be used to create a reserve account for fire.

Mayor Larsen reiterated that the quick attack is worn out now. The Fire Department is willing to wait another four years to replace the vehicle so that all of the townships are able to accumulate the needed financing.

Larry Madson questioned whether the City Council would be willing to continue to trust the townships to accumulate the needed funding rather than to require the townships to pay the City for capital equipment on an annual basis. Shepherd felt that requiring an annual payment would assure the City that funding is available when it becomes necessary to purchase a vehicle, and she also felt that the policy was fair to all of the entities. Madson did not feel that Monroe Township should be responsible if another township did not accumulate capital equipment funding as needed. Madson felt that it was rather presumptuous of the City to assume that there will be a default. Larsen pointed out that both Monroe Township and Layton Township has money available for the purchase of a vehicle; however, Lincoln Township has not saved money as needed. The Mayor reiterated that service is provided every year and he did not see a problem with billing for capital equipment every year. The townships would be expected to pay the equipment allocation to the City of Walnut each year at the same time that the townships pay the yearly fire expenses. The City would invest the money, and all interest would be credited to the Township Fire Equipment Fund so that all of the entities would mutually benefit from the interest. The policy would assure the City Council that adequate money would be available to replace capital equipment when needed.

Rex Sievers noted that there are still four years left before it is ten years from the last purchase of a vehicle. The Fire Chief reminded the group that a fire truck was purchased in 1999. The Department received a \$200,000.00 FEMA grant to purchase a new fire truck in 2006; approximately \$22,500.00 was split among the entities to purchase the fire truck, with FEMA paying the remainder of the cost. The quick attack will be thirty-one years old in FY 17; it was originally a military truck. The Fire Chief explained that because the 2006 purchase of a fire truck was only 10% of the cost, the purchase of another replacement vehicle should be delayed only two or three years. Accordingly, the last fire truck that was purchased entirely by the entities occurred in 1999. Per the policy, a new replacement vehicle should have been purchased in 2009. Because it is 2012, Tooley stated that the purchase of a replacement vehicle has already been delayed by three years. The Mayor stated that the Fire Department has agreed to delay the purchase even further to after FY 16-17 to allow Lincoln Township to accumulate the necessary funding. Kenny Suhr did not think that Lincoln Township would be able to save the needed money even if given an additional four years. Justen agreed with Suhr, and he said that he was aware that it would probably not be possible for Lincoln Township to meet the schedule. Tooley said that the Fire Department will have to deal with that issue at the appropriate time. If Lincoln Township cannot meet the schedule, Tooley said that it would become necessary for the Fire Department to either subsidize the purchase or reduce the cost of the vehicle.

Mayor Larsen observed that the City Council is aware of the objections that have been voiced by the townships, and its members have agreed to make some tough decisions to insure that capital equipment money is available when needed. He stated that the members of the Fire Department cannot operate without the proper equipment.

He reminded the group that the Fire Department members are volunteers who work for no pay, and he said that they deserve decent equipment to protect them.

Kenny Suhr stated that the townships have enough money available to purchase the chassis of a quick attack if the Fire Department would be willing to purchase the box. The Mayor stated that, in that scenario, the Fire Department would be forced to spend a portion of the principal of the bequest money. Larsen reiterated that, in his opinion, the money was not given to the Fire Department to make it easier for the taxpayers.

Gene Troll, a trustee of Monroe Township, stated that Monroe Township has to consider three fire departments, and it would benefit Monroe Township to retain control of its money. With the change in City policy, it would become necessary to essentially tie up Monroe's money for four years. Troll stated that there could be a problem should the Elk Horn Fire Department require money for a large repair, for example, and Monroe Township could not respond because its money was tied up in Walnut's capital equipment fund. He expressed his concern for the Elk Horn Fire Department. Gene assured the City Council that Monroe Township has always appropriated extra funding to save for the eventual purchase of capital equipment, and Monroe Township has money available to meet Walnut's equipment needs. Troll stated that Monroe Township would prefer to have control of its money until the purchase of a vehicle. Mayor Larsen stated that he understood that Monroe Township's situation was unique to the other two townships. During the course of the discussion, Gene Troll stated that Monroe Township continually appropriates extra funding to create a reserve for unexpected breakdowns and to save for the eventual purchase of capital equipment.

The group briefly discussed the financial responsibility in the case of a large breakdown in Walnut's equipment. Both Mayor Larsen and Shepherd speculated that the City would be financially responsible for equipment failure; however, Gene Troll noted that all of the entities have shared in past repair costs. Gene stated that Walnut has experienced equipment failure, such as the need to replace a tank, and the townships have shared in the repair expense. Troll commented that the townships and the City operate with a working budget for annual expenses, including the cost of unforeseen repairs. During the course of the discussion, Gene also stated that oftentimes the Fire Department operates under budget. Troll stated that any money that was allocated and not spent at the end of the fiscal year is captured in Monroe Township's Fire Protection Fund. Gene reiterated that Monroe Township would prefer not to tie up its money in City funds because Monroe Township might need the money for unforeseen expenses. He concluded that Monroe Township would prefer to have control of its money until it becomes necessary to purchase a vehicle. Troll felt that the City's change in policy could conceivably leave Monroe Township in a financial bind.

Fire Chief Justen Tooley again stated that the City's change in policy would guarantee that funding is available to purchase a replacement vehicle when needed.

Madson questioned whether it would be legal for the City to hold taxpayer's money that is collected by the townships in escrow. City Attorney Richard Schenck explained that the City of Walnut Fire Department was created by ordinance. The City maintains and owns the Fire Department. Schenck stated that the City actually sells fire protection services to the townships, which are required by law to provide fire protection to the residents of the townships. The City Attorney noted that townships have the ability to either purchase fire protection from another government entity or create their own township fire departments. That government entity from which the fire protection is being purchased has the ability to run its level of fire protection as it sees fit. The cost of providing fire protection includes expenses for housing the equipment, utilities, insurance, repair, training, maintenance, and equipment replacement. Schenck explained that the government entity that is providing fire protection, in this case the City, has determined its cost to provide fire protection services to the townships. He stated that the cost to provide the service includes the cost to eventually replace equipment. Schenck said that once the cost has been determined by the City, it would be possible for the City to send a lump sum bill to each township that wants to purchase fire protection. He stated that the City has gone one step further to explain that a portion of the charge would be used for operating expenses and a portion of the bill would be used to save for the eventual purchase of replacement equipment. Schenck noted that it would be possible to contractually agree to devote a portion of the charge for the purpose of building a capital reserve for equipment replacement. He concluded that the City is not required to build a capital reserve for the purchase of equipment; however, the City is offering to do so.

Mayor Larsen stated that the City is trying to be as fair as possible, while maintaining a good working relationship with the townships.

Kenny Suhr reported that Lynn Grobe had told Lincoln Township that the City cannot make the changes as detailed. Mayor Larsen disagreed with Grobe's observations, and he stated that the City of Walnut is operating well within the law.

Madson questioned whether it would be unreasonable for the City of Walnut to guarantee that \$180,000.00 for the purchase of a quick attack would be the maximum purchase price and that any overages would be paid from somewhere other than the townships. Fire Chief Tooley stated that \$180,000.00 would be the maximum amount that could be collected from the entities for the purchase of a quick attack. Justen explained that the schedule for the next four years was based on building a reserve for the quick attack over a ten-year period. For example, the schedule calculates that Monroe Township would pay \$6,750.00 per year to the City of Walnut for the next four years. According to the State maximums, Monroe Township would not be able to levy \$6,750.00 per year for equipment replacement. The schedule considers that Monroe Township's annual payment would include a portion of the money that has accumulated in its reserve. Tooley stated that \$180,000.00 would be the maximum amount that would be charged to the entities for a quick attack.

Tooley further explained that after the quick attack is purchased, another ten-year schedule would be calculated for the purchase of a vehicle, which would probably be based on \$.30 per \$1,000.00 worth of valuation for capital reserve. The same type of scenario would occur, with the goal of building a fund to purchase a replacement vehicle every ten years.

There was some debate as to how much of Monroe Township is protected by the Walnut Fire Department. The estimates ranged from 45% to 50% of Monroe Township, with the remainder of the township protected by the Harlan and Elk Horn fire departments.

Larry Madson reminded the City Council that Monroe Township has always met its financial obligations for fire protection. Shepherd questioned whether Monroe Township could guarantee that the same would be true of all of the townships. Mayor Larsen did not feel that the City would be able to make an exception for one township. Larsen stated that the City Council has made a change in policy in an effort to take care of a problem.

Tooley reminded those in attendance that the Fire Department had voted that if the Fire Board entities would purchase the chassis, the Fire Department would be willing to provide a no-interest loan to purchase the box to those entities that required funding. According to Justen, the Fire Board denied the Fire Department's proposal. Some of the trustees did not remember the discussion, and Tooley assured them that the proposal was included in the minutes of a previous Fire Board meeting.

Layton Township Trustee Frank Reyna noted that Layton Township has always set aside adequate money for the purchase of equipment.

Mayor Larsen stated that the City Council had heard all objections. At this point in the meeting, he said that he would entertain any motions to amend or change the original motion that was approved to include a line item for fire equipment on the annual budget billing. Larsen noted that, without further action from the City Council, the original motion would stand.

Motion by Shepherd to accept the change in City policy to include a line item for fire equipment on the annual budget billing as originally approved by the City Council with no changes. If no changes are desired, Mayor Larsen questioned the need for a motion. After further thought, Shepherd withdrew her motion.

No further action was taken by the City Council.

On a final note, Mayor Larsen stated that he definitely understood all of the concerns that had been expressed by the trustees of the three townships. He clarified that the original motion that was approved by the City Council would remain. He reminded the group that the City of Walnut has the responsibility to support the volunteer fire department including supplying the equipment that is needed.

Discussion followed regarding the condition of the sidewalks in the Business District. Humann, True, and Blum had inspected the sidewalks in the downtown area as well as the sidewalks that are located in the vicinity of Walnut Community School. They provided the Council members with a list of sidewalks that are in need of repair or replacement. The following property owners or businesses were included on the list: Bruce Nelson – Clark's Pub; Farm Fresh Antiques; the Walnut Antique Mall; Tony's

Bistro; Sow-a-Seed; Antique Furniture Emporium; Roberts' Bakery; Rolling Hills Bank & Trust; Ransom Insurance; Welcome Center; Bear Trap; Owl House; Janet Macdonald; Tom Liston; Dane Nelsen; Jeff Nielsen; Ron Hansen; and Richard Harris. The list is on file in City Hall.

Blum stated that most of the sidewalks on the list were trip hazards that need to be addressed.

The City had mailed a letter to Troy Suhr, the owner of the Post Office property, giving Suhr ninety days to either repair or replace the sidewalk in front of the building. Troy had responded to the letter by meeting with Blum to discuss the needed repairs.

Blum stated that the City Council had previously discussed the possibility of allowing property owners in the Business District to repair their sidewalks, due to the possibility that all of the sidewalks will eventually be replaced in conjunction with the proposed Streetscape Enhancement Project. Jim thought that the City Council had agreed to give the property owners the choice to repair bad spots and trip hazards, which would most certainly be a temporary fix at best.

Blum clarified that the last seven residential properties on the list were located in the heavily traveled area near the school. He suggested that the City Council require the worst sidewalks in the residential area to be replaced.

Blum suggested that the City send a notice to the property owners, requiring that their sidewalks be repaired or replaced before next year's Antique Show. Shepherd reminded the Council members that the City had given Troy Suhr ninety days to repair or replace the sidewalk in front of the Post Office. Blum noted that some of the sidewalks on the list were just as deteriorated as the sidewalk in front of the Post Office. Shepherd felt that all of the owners of any sidewalks that are as bad as the Post Office sidewalk should also be given ninety days to address the problem.

Shepherd stated that she tripped on sidewalk in front of Aunt B's Restaurant, and that sidewalk was not included on the list. Blum noted that he had planned to discuss the sidewalk with Janet Macdonald, the owner of the restaurant. That small section of sidewalk will be repaired when Troy Suhr addresses the Post Office sidewalk. It might be necessary for Janet Macdonald to share in a portion of Suhr's cost, according to Blum.

Blum commented that there is probably not enough funding included in the current budget should all of the residential property owners on the list opt to replace their sidewalks. The project would probably extend over a two-year budget period.

True stated that the committee looked at the worst sidewalks; however, some of the sidewalks in the commercial Business District could be patched. Blum reported that most of the residential sidewalk needs to be replaced; however, it might be possible to replace one or two panels. One of the properties is a corner lot, where there is a great deal of deteriorated sidewalk. Blum stated that he would be willing to provide the owners of each sidewalk with a diagram to help them determine the areas that need to be addressed.

The sidewalks on the list were sidewalks with trip hazards, spots where people are prone to trip. There was some debate as to whether the City's sidewalk program would pay for one-half of commercial sidewalk repair. Blum felt that the City should only share in the cost of sidewalk replacement. Jim stated that sidewalk repairs could be as easy as mixing a bag of concrete and repairing low spots or trip hazards. He did not feel that the City should share in that cost, especially since the repairs will not hold. Shepherd again summarized that the City Council is considering a Streetscape Enhancement Project that would include the replacement of sidewalks and gutters. She questioned the advisability of requiring property owners to replace sidewalk that could be removed in two years.

Blum reported that Troy Suhr is planning to replace the bad area of sidewalk in front of the Post Office and repair the remainder of the sidewalk. Jim felt that the City should share only in the cost of the sidewalk replacement. Blum also commented that the City could possibly have some additional cost for the sidewalk in front of the Post Office for replacement of the curb and the edge of the street.

Abel questioned the urgency of inspecting the sidewalks in the Business District, especially when the Council is considering the possible replacement of all of the sidewalks within the next few years. True stated that she felt some urgency because there have been some recent falls on the sidewalks in the Business District. The question also arose as to whether sidewalk repair would truly accomplish anything since the repair is only temporary.

True felt that the sidewalks in the Business District should be addressed, especially the sidewalk in front of the Walnut Antique Mall and in front of the Emporium.

Both Frahm and Bierbaum were hesitant to require business owners to replace their sidewalk now, especially if the City wants their cooperation and participation in a full-blown project for the downtown area in the next few years. Bierbaum reminded the Council members that the second phase of the proposed project was building façade, which would require the participation of the business owners.

The Mayor recommended that the City Council send a letter to the owners of each property on the list of deteriorated sidewalks, requiring them to either repair or replace their sidewalks by June 1, 2013.

Motion by Shepherd to send a letter to everyone on a deteriorated sidewalk list to either repair or replace deteriorated sidewalk before June 1, 2013.

Discussion followed.

Bierbaum questioned whether the City would financially participate in sidewalk repair as well as replacement. She questioned the advisability of the City paying to replace the sidewalk now and again paying to remove and replace the same sidewalk in a couple of years. True commented that grant money would probably be used for some of the project. Abel stated that sidewalk and curb and gutter would probably be eligible for C.I.T.I.E.S. grant funding, which could possibly be matched with grant funding for beautification efforts. Without any idea of what is planned for the downtown area, it was hard to determine what portions of the project would be grant eligible.

Bierbaum stated that the worst sidewalk in front of the Post Office is being addressed. She also questioned the urgency of mandating sidewalk replacement or repair at this time.

Shepherd's motion was seconded by True.

Motion by Shepherd, seconded by True to send a letter to everyone on a deteriorated sidewalk list to either repair or replace deteriorated sidewalk before June 1, 2013. Ayes: True, Shepherd. Nays: Bierbaum, Frahm. Tie vote. Motion failed.

Blum reported that he is planning to go to Ames with the pickup and a trailer to pick up a snow plow and look at some used tires at the State shed.

Jeff Hansen reported that he has been storing the City's portable generator outside at his farm for the past three or four years, and he would like to move the equipment back to Walnut. The portable generator was originally housed in the Fire Station; however, there is no longer room for the generator since the antique fire truck was restored and moved to the station. The portable generator would be used in the case of emergency; it was originally purchased in conjunction with the project to install the north lift station. Hansen noted that the generator has not been started regularly, and it is probably in need of a battery. Hansen was instructed to bring the generator to the Water Plant; Blum said that he would determine a place to store the equipment.

It was reported that general garbage pick-up will take place on Thursday, October 4 and Friday, October 5, 2012. General pick-up items will be collected west of Antique City Drive beginning on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 a.m. Nothing west of Antique City Drive will be collected for general pick-up after Thursday. General pick-up items will be collected east of Antique City Drive beginning on Friday, October 5, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. Regular trash collection for the entire community will be on the normal days beginning at 7:00 a.m. as usual. A list of rules for general pick-up was distributed to the Council members for their review. Appliances, including microwaves, water heaters, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, dehumidifiers, freezers, and air conditioners can be included and will be picked up during general pick-up for a fee of \$15.00 per appliance. The fees will be billed by the City on an individual basis. All shelves and drawers must be removed from refrigerators and freezers. Garbage pick-up, weekly as well as general pick-up, is for Walnut citizens only. Debris from outside Walnut is not welcome. General garage pick-up is intended for residential customers only. Businesses are not allowed to participate in the general garbage pick-up program. A notice of the upcoming general garbage pick-up will be published in the Walnut Bureau and posted in the window at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned, 8:50 p.m.

Gene Larsen
Mayor

Terri L. Abel
City Clerk