

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson and Council members: David Clark, Eric Cook, Tracy Girlinghouse, Gary Griffin and Scarlett Milton Major.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Gary Griffin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2026 council meeting.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton presented the March 2026 financial report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net profit ending March 31, 2026 was \$2,104,910. Mr. Cotton reported a 0.01% decrease in sales tax, a 19% decrease in natural gas sales, and a 7% decrease in quarter to date natural gas sales.

Mr. Eric Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Major to approve appointment of Kelsey Murray as City Clerk.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Watson introduced Walker High School's new football coach, Chris Harrell. No further discussion.

Mayor Watson acknowledged and congratulated the Walker High School's Fishing Team for winning the State Tournament and presented each student with a plaque. No further discussion.

Mr. Gary Griffin introduced an ordinance to change Residential/Commercial zoning to exclude apartments. No further discussion.

City Attorney Bobby King presented the following resolutions before the council:

Resolution to adopt a fee schedule for public records requests

This request serves to change the current rates to more closely reflect other municipalities as well as add specialized costs for emailed delivery.

Mr. Gary Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse, to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution to approve the Act of Servitude and maintenance agreement with the Livingston Parish Schoolboard for the Burgess Avenue Sidewalk Project Phase 4.

Engineer Kresten Brown addressed the council to further explain the need and scope of the project which would construct sidewalks along Burgess Avenue from Peaks Lane to the Walker High School parking lot.

Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Griffin to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution to approve Cooperative Endeavour Agreement between Livingston Parish Government, City of Walker, and Gravity Drainage District 5 for the unfunded portion of the drainage district.

This request would allow the city to partner with Livingston Parish and Gravity Drainage District 5 to address 19 miles of unfunded drainage district. The council was approached by Mr. Robert Dugas with the Livingston Parish Government and Mr. Nick with Gravity Drainage who further explained the need and scope of the project.

Mr. David Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Cook to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution to Declare City of Walker Property as Surplus

A request was made to declare one item, FA 1033, to be disposed of as surplus property in accordance with Louisiana State Law.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. David Clark to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Watson shared an update on current and upcoming drainage projects followed by Attorney Bobby King who shared an update on the Flood of 2016 lawsuit. Engineer Kresten Brown also addressed the council to discuss the plans for the barriers on the interstate. No further discussion.

Chief David Addison presented for the council's consideration new hire candidate, Erik Ledoux. He reported that Mr. Ledoux has successfully completed the application process and will come onboard as a post-certified officer.

Mrs. Scarlett Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tracy Girlinghouse, to approve this request.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Additional Comments

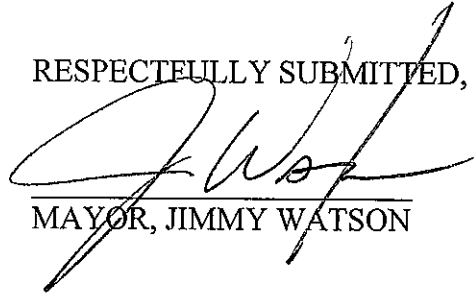
Mayor Watson announced that the Kiwanis Miles4Smiles was postponed due to the weather and was rescheduled for Saturday May 16, 2026 at Sidney Hutchinson Park.

Mayor Watson gave an update on the concession and restroom area out by the pond, states that it should be completed before the July 4th festivities.

Mr. Milton Burns addressed the council with concerns about surface flooding on Burns street and the need for speed bumps on Palmetto.

With no further business to discuss the May 11, 2026, council meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



MAYOR, JIMMY WATSON

ATTEST:


Kelsey Murray, Municipal Clerk