

# CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2025

6:00 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at Walker City Hall—13600 Aydell Lane on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Watson, followed with prayer by Mr. Griffin. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, conducted the roll call of the council members.

The council members were present: David Clark, Eric Cook, Tracy Girlinghouse, Gary Griffin and Scarlett Milton-Major.

Mayor Watson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2025 council meeting. Mayor Watson called for comments or questions. With there being none, a motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adopt said minutes.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Major, Griffin  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, reviewed the May 2025 finance report with the council members. It was reported that sales tax was up 2.9%; gas revenue dropped by 1.5%.

Mayor Watson called for a motion to enter into a public hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Clark, to discuss the details of Annual Budget Amendment No. 2.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Mr. Griffin brought before the council the *2025 Annual Budget Amendment No. 2*. The ordinance proposes to increase the enterprise fund sewer capital outlay by \$666,667. The additional funding is for the Project Partnership Agreement between the City of Walker and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Ms. Major, Ordinance 07-2025-01, 2025 Annual Budget Amendment No. 2, was approved.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse, the public hearing was closed.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Mr. Girlinghouse presented before the council the *Resolution Setting Forth the Intent of the City of Walker to Commit Local Funds to the Taylor Bayou Regional Drainage Improvements Project.*

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the provisions of the resolution as presented.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Assistant Chief Kenath Black requested of the council to change the employment status of Jeremy Milton from part-time to full-time.

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the change as requested.

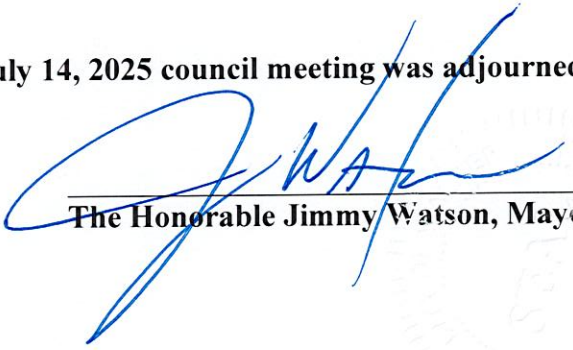
YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

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#### Additional Comments

- ❖ Mayor Watson made remarks about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration held on Saturday, July 5, 2025. It was estimated that 3500 attended. He expressed appreciation to the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office and Albany Police Dept. for their assistance.
- ❖ Pickle Ball Kingdom will be coming to Walker. The franchise has acquired the old Winn Dixie building and will have 12 – 16 indoor courts.
- ❖ The City of Walker is in the start up phase of the manganese filtration project on Well #4.
- ❖ There were sixty participants in a Wired@Walker tournament held on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the WalkerDiscGolf Course. The ATA Lopez Foundation raised over \$1000 for the benefit.
- ❖ Kenath Black announced the upcoming National Night Out event scheduled Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- ❖ Tracy Girlinghouse commented on a new alumni association for Walker High School.

With no further business to discuss, the July 14, 2025 council meeting was adjourned.

  
The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk