

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2025

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at Walker City Hall—13600 AydeLL Lane on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Jimmy Watson called the meeting to order, afterwards opening the council meeting with prayer. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, followed with the roll call of the council members.

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

Mayor Watson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting. Mayor Watson called for comments or questions. With there being none, a motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse and seconded by Mr. Griffin to adopt said minutes.

YEAS: Cook, Girlinghouse, Major, Griffin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Finance director, Mike Cotton, presented the March 2025 finance report. He reported that the net profit ending March 31, 2025 was \$1,505.879. Sales tax increased by 2.8%; gas revenue increased by 21.2%.

Jamie Etheridge reviewed the 2024 Water Grade System Report from the La. Department of Health (LDH) with the council. The City of Walker received an A (90/100%). The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be posted on our website.

Mr. Etheridge provided an update on the Walker Animal Control facility. The council was able to view an extensive slideshow of the construction phases of the shelter. It was reported that the animal shelter has passed state inspection.

Bobby King addressed the council regarding the [City of Walker DiscGolfPark](#) that is near completion. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 30, 2025. This is a *Green Space* project that is in partnership with the Livingston Parish Chamber's Leadership-Livingston Program.

Chief David Addison requested the council's consideration to approve employment for the following candidates at the Walker Police Department.

**Full-time candidate, Matthew Moerner, has successfully met the criteria set forth in the application process.*

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse, to approve the hiring of Matthew Moerner.

YEAS: Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

**Part-time candidate, Carl Singleton has served as a reserve officer at Walker Police Department for five years. Chief Addison requests his status change from reserve to part-time.*

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the change of employment status for Mr. Singleton.

YEAS: Cook, Girlinghouse, Major, Griffin

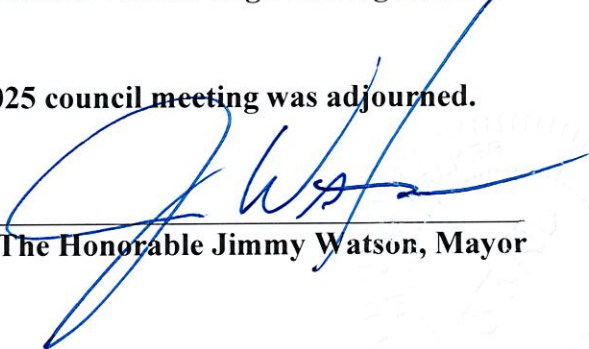
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Additional Comments:

- ❖ Mayor Watson remarked that Miles for Smiles 5K Run & 1 Mile Fun/Walk at Sidney Hutchinson Park on Saturday, April 26, 2025, was a successful event sponsored by the Walker Kiwanis Club.
- ❖ The Get out and Fish event will be held May 17, 2025, at Sidney Hutchinson Park from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. La. Wildlife and Fisheries and Walker High Fishing Team are sponsors of this event.

With no further business to discuss, the May 12, 2025 council meeting was adjourned.


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:


Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk