

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

August 10, 2026

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, August 10, 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 Mr. Griffin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2026, council meeting.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton presented the June 2026 financial report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net profit ending June 30, 2026 was \$995,000. Mr. Cotton reported a 4.5% decrease in sales tax, and a 3.5% increase in natural gas sales.

Mayor Watson introduced Walker High School’s new girls’ basketball coach, Dustin Easley. Mr. Easley spoke to the Mayor and Council, giving them a brief background and thanked Walker for their warm welcome.

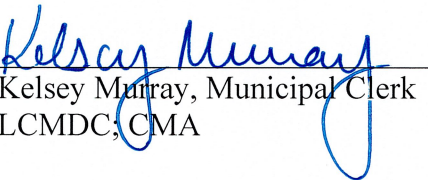
Mr. Griffin introduced an ordinance to rezone Sombreros from RC to RC-CAB-1 located at 13407 Pendarvis Lane. No further discussion.

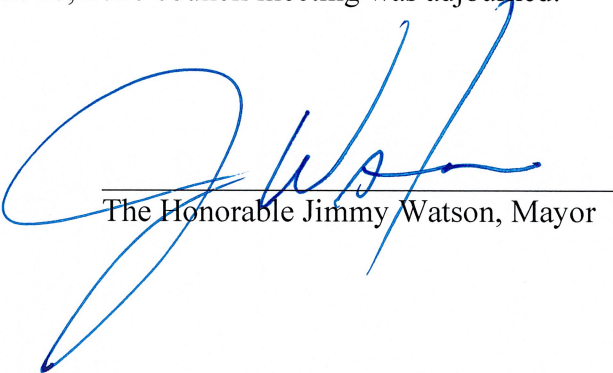
Additional Comments

- Mayor Watson recapped the successful Night Out Against Crime held at the Community Center on August 4.
- Mr. Jamie Etheridge announced that the city received a Community Achievement Award from the Louisiana Municipal Association at its annual conference. He noted this is the City’s third award in the past ten years. Mr. Etheridge also shared that the Walker DiscGolfPark was ranked No. 2 in Louisiana by UDisc for 2026.
- Mr. Etheridge reported that Pickleball received an exception from the State Alcohol Licensing Board, satisfying the condition of its rezoning approval granted in April.
- Residents of Ball Park Road expressed concerns regarding speeding and pest control following the City’s clearing of property behind their homes. Mayor Watson encouraged residents to continue contacting the Police Department regarding speeding and stated that the City would monitor the area and address pest-control concerns.

With no further business to discuss the August 10, 2026 council meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Kelsey Murray, Municipal Clerk
LCMDC, CMA


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor