

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

July 13, 2026

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, July 13, 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. Girlinghouse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Major to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2026, council meeting.

Yeas:	Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton presented the May 2026 financial report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net profit ending May 31, 2026 was \$1,146,000. Mr. Cotton reported a 2.3% decrease in sales tax, and a 6.2% increase in natural gas sales.

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

❖ Resolution to Adopt 2026 Millage Rate

This resolution serves to levy the current millage rate of 1.83 for the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of Walker.

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

Yeas:	Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Clark to enter a public hearing.

Yeas:	Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. Griffin presented before the council the proposed Ordinance for 2026 Annual Budget Amendment No. 2. This Ordinance serves to increase the general fund street department maintenance expenditures by \$93,750 for the city’s share in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Gravity Drainage Five and Livingston Parish Government for drainage improvements on the city’s canals south of the city.

Mr. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve **Ordinance 07-2026-01**.

Yeas:	Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
Nays:	None

Absent: None

Mr. Girlinghouse presented before the council the proposed Ordinance for 2026 Annual Budget Amendment No. 3. This Ordinance serves to increase the general fund street department maintenance expenditures by \$195,000 to improve drainage in the Pendarvis Lane, Wolf Point, and Tractor Supply area..

Mr. Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve **Ordinance 07-2026-02**.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Major presented before the council the proposed Ordinance for 2026 Annual Budget Amendment No. 4. This Ordinance serves to increase the enterprise fund sewer department maintenance expenditures by \$95,000 for repairs at the sewer wastewater treatment facility.

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Griffin to approve **Ordinance 07-2026-03**.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Clark presented before the council the proposed Ordinance for 2026 Annual Budget Amendment No. 5. This Ordinance serves to increase the general fund transfers from the enterprise fund by \$500,000 to increase the general fund balance.

Mr. Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve **Ordinance 07-2026-04**.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Major, seconded by Mr. Clark to close the public hearing.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

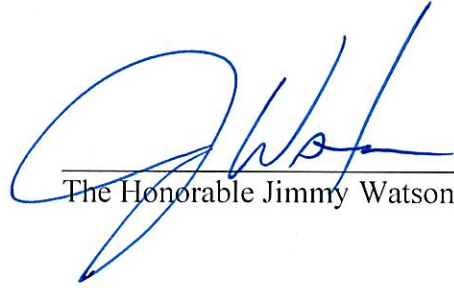
Absent: None

Additional Comments

- Mayor Watson recapped a successful Fourth of July event in celebration of 250 years of Independence. This event featured several eating contests, live music, and a firework finale. The City has received positive feedback from the community.
- Mayor Watson announced that the Aydeell Lane bridge was shut down due to a hole in the bridge and will reopen as one-lane until construction of the new bridge is complete. Construction on the new bridge is set to begin before year end 2026.
- Mr. Girlinghouse announced the recent meeting of the Walker High Alumni Association and that this would be a revitalization of the existing alumni group.
- Chief David Addison announced the upcoming Night Against Crime being held at the Community Center on August 4th from 4pm-8pm.

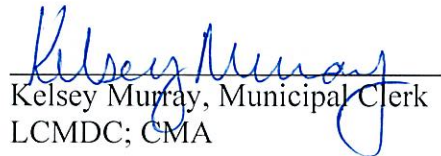
- Dewey Lofton approached the Mayor and Council with questions related to the Aydell Lane Bridge and concerns about oversized vehicles using the roadway.
- A resident living on Ball Park Road raised concern about prevalent speeding in a residential area.

With no further business to discuss the July 13, 2026 council meeting was adjourned.



The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelsey Murray, Municipal Clerk
LCMDC; CMA