

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

June 8, 2026

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, June 8, 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. Cook, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2026, council meeting.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton presented the April 2026 financial report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net profit ending April 30, 2026 was \$1,620,000. Mr. Cotton reported a 1.4% increase in sales tax, a 3.5% increase in natural gas sales.

Mayor Watson recognized Savannah Marler, a Walker High School senior, for her accomplishments as the 2026 Special Olympics Girls Athlete of the Year.

Mr. Griffin introduced an ordinance for 2026 Budget Adjustment No.2; Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Gravity Drainage District 5 and Livingston Parish Government. No further discussion.

Mr. Girlinghouse introduced an ordinance for 2026 Budget Amendment No.3; Pendarvis Lane Drainage improvements affecting Wolf Point and Tractor Supply. No further discussion.

Chief of Operations, Jamie Etheridge presented the following resolutions before the council:

❖ Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Livingston Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

This resolution serves as support and continued participation in the mitigation planning process and implementation of mitigation actions identified in the plan.

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

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mrs. Major to enter a public hearing.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Griffin presented before the council the proposed *Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Code Excluding Apartments from Residential/Commercial Zoning. (06-2026-01)*, as recommended on the May 18, 2026 resolution from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve ***Ordinance 06-2026-01***.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Cook to close the public hearing.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chief David Addison presented for the council's consideration the promotion of Joseph Chrisman to Corporal.

Mrs. Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve this request.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

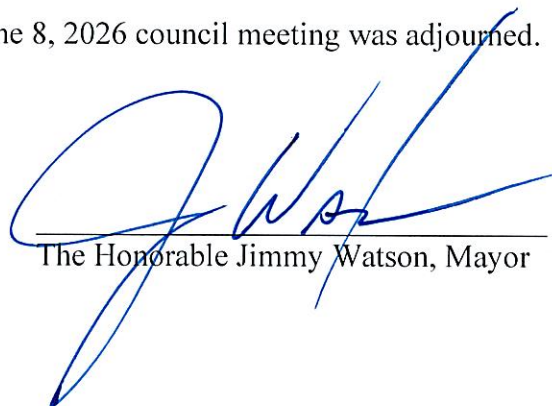
Nays: None

Absent: None

Additional Comments

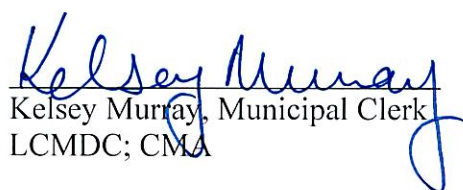
- Mayor Watson announced that the Kiwanis Miles for Smiles was a successful event with over 100 participants.
- Mayor Watson announced the Fourth of July event coming up in celebration of 250 years of Independence. The event will be held at Sidney Hutchinson Park on Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 2pm to dark. It will be a kid-friendly event ending with a firework show.
- Several residents of the Pendarvis Lane area addressed the Council regarding the planned drainage improvement project and expressed concerns related to roadway and surface water flooding in the area.

With no further business to discuss the June 8, 2026 council meeting was adjourned.



The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelsey Murray, Municipal Clerk
LCMDC; CMA