

**CITY OF WALKER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

June 29, 2026

6:00 PM

A special meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson and Council members: David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin and Scarlett Milton Major. Absent was Tracy Girlinghouse.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Watson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2026, council meeting.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Jason B. Harris, the Livingston Parish Clerk of Court, gave an overview of the Clerk of Court's purpose and daily functions. The range of services provided other than certifying election includes furnishing certified copies of birth and death certificates, issuing marriage licenses, handling the filing of civil lawsuits, criminal cases, and documentation of real estate transaction.

Mrs. Major introduced an ordinance for 2026 Budget Adjustment No.4; Sewer Treatment Plant Repairs. No further discussion.

Mr. Clark introduced an ordinance for 2026 Budget Amendment No.5; Increase appropriations from Enterprise fund to increase General Fund balance. No further discussion.

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

❖ Resolution designating the Livingston Parish News as the Official Journal of the City of Walker

This resolution ensures compliance with Louisiana law, R.S. 43:150 and R.S. 43:174; and appoints the Livingston Parish News as the Official Journal of Record for the City of Walker

Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Major, to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

Mr. Trey Sanders of Hannis T. Bourgeois presented the City's 2025 Annual Audited Financial Statements to the City Council. He reported that the audit resulted in a clean, unmodified opinion. Mr. Sanders explained that the City's government-wide financial statements reflected an increase in net position. He noted that while this increase does not represent cash on hand, it is largely attributable to the City's investment in capital assets during fiscal year 2025.

Mr. Sanders also reviewed the Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUPs), which are performed every two years. He reported that the City of Walker had one exception related to the timely

deposit of funds and advised that management has addressed the matter and implemented corrective measures.

Mr. Sanders then guided the Council through the audit report, highlighting key sections, responding to questions, and confirming that there were no additional questions or concerns before concluding his presentation and turning the meeting over to Mayor Watson.

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Major, to approve the 2025 Annual Audit Report.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

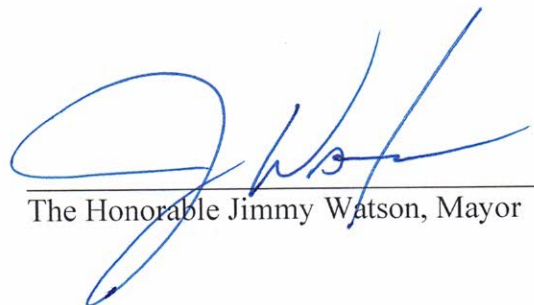
Nays: None

Absent: Girlinghouse

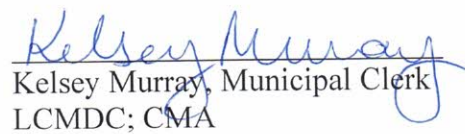
Additional Comments

- Mayor Watson announced the Fourth of July 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.

With no further business to discuss the June 29, 2026 special council meeting was adjourned.


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelsey Murray, Municipal Clerk
LCMDC; CMA