

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2025

6:00 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at Walker City Hall—13600 Aydell Lane on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Watson, followed with prayer by Mr. Girlinghouse. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, conducted the roll call of the council members.

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

Mayor Watson requested a motion to approve the November 10, 2025 council meeting minutes. With there being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Ms. Major, to adopt said minutes.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Major, Griffin
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, gave an overview of the October 2025 finance report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net profit ending October 31, 2025, was \$4,131,800. Sales tax revenue increased by 8.6%; gas revenue increased by 10.1%.

Mayor Watson asked Lt. Colonel Jason Tubbs to assist in acknowledging the Walker High School JROTC cadets who won the 2025 National Championship. The cadets were the first Marine Corps JROTC to win at the Masters Level. Each cadet was honored with a framed certificate, a City of Walker medallion and a photo op with the Mayor and City Council.

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

❖ *Resolution to Declare City of Walker Property as Surplus*

The request was made for fixed asset items #667 and #1071 be disposed as surplus property in accordance with Louisiana State law.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the resolution as proposed.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

❖ *Resolution Approving the Appointment of Darren Blevins to Fire District No. 4*

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse, to approve Darren Blevin's reappointment as the City of Walker's representative to the fire board which expires every two years.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the council meeting entered into a public hearing.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The following ordinances were presented before the council:

❖ 2025 Annual Budget Amendment No. 5

Mr. Girlinghouse presented before the council the proposed ordinance for making necessary amendments to the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2025. Finance director, Mike Cotton, provided the details of the budget adjustments.

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve Ordinance 12-2025-01.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

❖ Operating Budget for Revenues and Expenditures for Calendar Year 2026

Ms. Major presented before the council the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. Mike Cotton reviewed before the council the estimated budget appropriation of the amounts by classification.

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Ms. Major, to approve Ordinance 12-2025-02.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

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

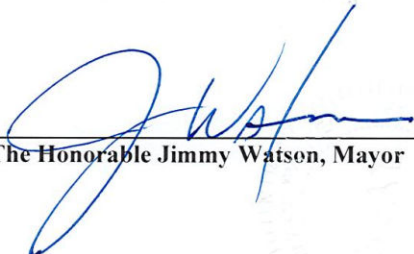
YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

‖**Additional Comments**‖

- ❖ Mayor Watson read the attendance statistics on the WalkerDiscGolf Course: 195th most played course in world; 178 most played course in the U.S.; 2nd most played course in La.
- ❖ Mayor Watson commented on the Walker Christmas parade and the Christmas in the Park activities that followed including the lighting of the tree. Video footage was shown courtesy of parks director, Jamie Thomas, of the festive events held on Saturday, December 6th.

With no further business to discuss, the December 8, 2025, council meeting was adjourned.

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The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy Pavton, Municipal Clerk