

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 9, 2026

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, February 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Watson, followed with prayer by Mr. Cook. 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 January 12, 2026 council meeting minutes. With there being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adopt said minutes.

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

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, gave an overview of the December 2025 finance report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net profit ending December 31, 2025 was \$5,491,533. Sales tax revenue decreased 4%. Natural gas sales increased 9%.

Mr. Griffin introduced an ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Code, Section 11.22—Drainage and Bridges. This ordinance was introduced without discussion.

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

- ❖ Resolution Adopting Changes to the City of Walker Employee Handbook to Update Retirement Benefits

There were proposed changes to the city sponsored retirement plan 401a (02) that allows a greater percentage of matching funds, a shorter vesting schedule with a higher vesting percentage and a dollar-for-dollar city match of funds up to 6%.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Major, the resolution was approved as presented.

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

- ❖ Resolution Authorizing Special Counsel and Application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for Approval of Financing Land Purchase

The City of Walker endeavor to enter into an acquisition agreement to purchase property along Ball Park Road to be used for public purposes, which is pursuant to the provisions of Section 1430 of Title 39 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950.

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

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

A motion made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Ms. Major, to enter into a public hearing.

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

Mr. Clark brought before the council the proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Section 21-2—Stormwater Management Applicability [Ordinance 02-2026-01]

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the range of the MS4 administrator authority to perform necessary actions in order to manage and maintain stormwater issues as they occur and to protect water quality.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Mr. Cook, Ordinance 02-2026-01 was approved.

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

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

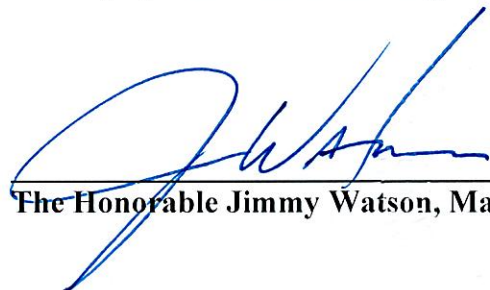
YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

March is Flood Awareness Month. Mayor Watson signed and read before the council a proclamation declaring March 2026 as Flood Awareness Month.

Additional Comments

- ✚ Mayor Watson announced the city's holiday closing in observance of Presidents Day on Monday, February 16, 2026.
- ✚ Mayor Watson reminded everyone of the City of Walker plans celebrate the 250th Year Anniversary of United States of America.

With no further business to discuss, the February 9, 2026 council meeting was adjourned.


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk