

**CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 9, 2026

6:00 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall located at 13600 Aydell Lane. At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Watson called the council meeting to order and followed with the invocation. 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 February 9, 2026 council minutes. With there being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse, to adopt the minutes.

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

Finance Director, Mike Cotton, presented the January 2026 finance report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net profit ending January 31, 2026 was \$712,691. Sales tax revenue increased 7.2%. Natural gas sales decreased 18%.

Mr. Cook introduced an ordinance to request the rezoning of Pickleball Kingdom located at 28145 Walker South Rd from RC to RC-CAB-2 with no discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, 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 the Unified Development Code Sec. 11.22—Drainage and Bridges (03-2026-01)*. Detailed information was provided by Jamie Etheridge which explained the reasons for the proposed changes.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, Ordinance 03-2026-01 was approved.

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

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

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

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

❖ Resolution to Declare City of Walker Property as Surplus

A request was made that three fixed asset items (FA #231, FA #956, FA #1050) be disposed of as surplus property in accordance with Louisiana State Law.

A motion made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the resolution.

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

❖ Resolution to Approve Update to the 2025 Multi-jurisdictional Program for Public Information—Capital Region Area Floodplain Task Force

This resolution serves to update the City of Walker participation in CRAFT which was last approved in 2020. It seeks ways to reduce risk in communities and lower flood insurance premiums for residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the resolution.

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

Jamie Etheridge announced the March 5, 2026 retirement of former Clerk of Court, Janice Valenti, who had been employed with the City of Walker since March 21, 2005. Melinda Fouse was introduced to the council as the newly appointed Clerk of Court approved on March 9, 2026.

Additional Comments

- Mayor Watson made an announcement about several upcoming events the city will be featuring: Easter in the Park on March 29, 2026; National Day of Prayer in May—actual day TBA; the 250th year anniversary of America. Other events such as the fishing rodeo will be announced and posted on city's Facebook page.
- A slideshow featuring pictures of improvement projects the City of Walker is making to the Baseball Turf Project, Geocool Turf Infield and Club Outreach were shown.

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



The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk