

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 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, November 10, 2025 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 October 13, 2025, council meeting minutes. With there being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, 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 September 2025 finance report. Mr. Cotton reported that the net assets ending September 30, 2025, was \$3,197,930. Mr. Cotton reported that sales tax revenue increased by 7.5%; gas revenue down by 9.4%.

Ms. Kay Landry of the Walker Kiwanis Club addressed the council regarding the 2025 Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2025. She announced that the Walker Kiwanis Club will sponsor and oversee the parade activities. So far, there have been 12 float entries and over 50 inquiries. Ms. Landry is optimistic that there will be a lot more entries as the December 6th date approaches. The parade begins at 3:00 p.m. followed by the lighting of the Christmas Tree and other festivities at Sidney Hutchinson Park.

Introductions were made for two ordinances without discussion:

- Tracy Girlinghouse – *Introduction of the 2025 Annual Budget Amendment No. 5*
- Scarlett Milton-Major—*Introduction of the 2026 Annual Budget*

Chief of Operations, Jamie Etheridge, provided a presentation on the drainage improvements for Gravity District 5. The council was briefed on regional efforts that are being made to alleviate potential flooding due to drainage issues and debris clean up primarily in Gravity District 8, an unfunded district. This is an ongoing collaborative initiative with other districts and surrounding towns/cities to improve drainage.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, to enter into a public hearing.

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

The following ordinances were presented before the council:

- ❖ *Ordinance 11-2025-01; Amend Chapter 9, Section 9-21, Nuisances on Private or Public Property*

Mr. Griffin presented before the council the above proposed ordinance that addresses abandoned utility debris which poses a threat to public safety and is unsightly in communities.

A motion was made by Mr. Girlinghouse, seconded by Ms. Major, Ordinance 11-2025-01, was approved.

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

❖ Ordinance 11-2025-02; 2025 Annual Budget Amendment No. 4

Mr. Cook presented before the council this ordinance to increase the capital outlay in the general fund to replace the roof at the Walker Police Department. Assistant Chief, Kenath Black, informed the council that several bids have already been acquired.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Cook, Ordinance 11-2025-02 was approved.

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

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

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

Assistant Chief Black introduced to the council part-time candidate, Adrian Carter. Mr. Carter has successfully met all requirements set forth by the Walker Police Department.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse, Adrian Carter was approved as a new hire.

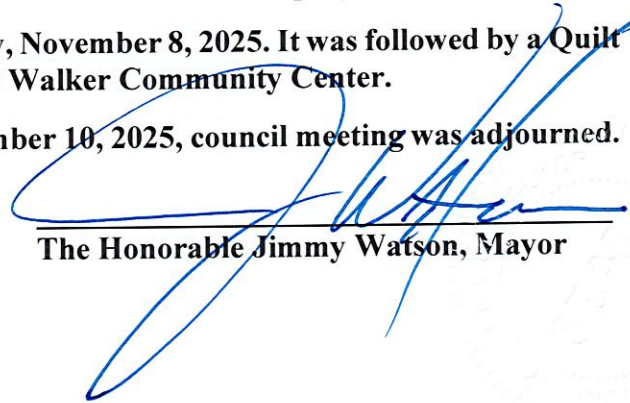
YEAS: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None



Additional Comments:

- ❖ Mayor Watson reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 6th starting @ 3:00 p.m.
- ❖ Ms. Major was recognized for the splendid work on the Mayors pictures displayed in the courtroom and for the veterans' pictures inside the cabinet in the lobby. Ms. Major dedicated a great deal of her time and talent on these projects.
- ❖ The Veterans Day parade was Saturday, November 8, 2025. It was followed by a Quilt of Valor ceremony and luncheon at the Walker Community Center.

With no further business to discuss, the November 10, 2025, council meeting was adjourned.


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:

Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk