

CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at Walker City Hall—13600 Aydel Lane on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jimmy Watson, followed by prayer led by Councilman Gary Griffin. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, commenced with the roll call of the council members.

The following council members were present: David Clark, Eric Cook, Gary Griffin, and Scarlett Milton-Major. Councilman Richard Wales was absent.

Mayor Watson called for a motion to adopt/approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024 council meeting. There were no comments or objections.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve said minutes.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wales

The City of Walker finance director, Mike Cotton, reviewed the June 2024 finance report before the council. He reported sales tax increased by 2% and gas revenue decreased by 3%.

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

Resolution to Adopt the City of Walker 2024 Millage

The new millage rate adjusted from 2.23 mills to 1.83 mills after the reassessment of the taxable value amount of \$79,844,960. This will yield a projected revenue amount of \$146,116.28. Two-thousand twenty-four (2024) is a reassessment year. The previous reassessment was in 2020.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the Resolution to Adopt the City of Walker 2024 Millage was approved as presented.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wales

Resolution Approving Entity State Agreement; State and Federal Project H.015211 Burgess Avenue Sidewalk-Phase 4 (Walker) Livingston Parish and Authorize Mayor as Signatory

Upon a motion made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Cook, the above resolution was approved as presented and further authorizes Mayor Jimmy Watson to sign all contracts and agreements relating to this project on behalf of the City of Walker.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wales

Resolution Requesting Authorization to Declare Walker Police Department Vehicles
as Surplus Property

Upon a motion made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the above resolution was approved to declare the vehicles outlined in the resolution as surplus and to depose them in accordance with Louisiana State Law.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major

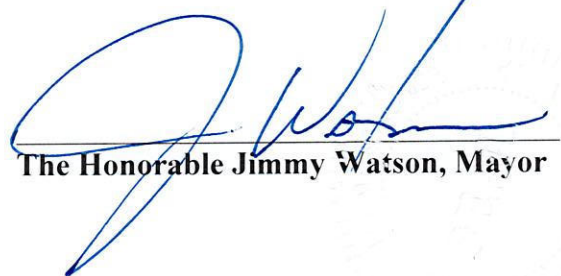
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wales

Additional Comments

- ◆ A picture of the new 2025 Freightliner truck recently purchased by the City of Walker was shown on the projector. The truck will primarily be used in the Department of Public Works for MS4 projects and other maintenance work throughout the city.
- ◆ Mayor Watson reminded everyone of the arrival of the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to the City of Walker September 12th - 15th, 2024.
- ◆ Mayor Watson announced the retirement of Mr. Tommy Martinez of Senator John Kennedy's office. Mr. Martinez remarked that this city is one of the most professionally managed governments he has ever seen.
- ◆ Mary Maiden announced that Club Outreach will have a fundraiser on Thursday, August 15th. The proceeds will be used toward building improvements. Ms. Maiden also mentioned the 100th Year Anniversary of the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church. The Gala Celebration will be on Saturday, September 14, 2024.
- ◆ Mr. Cook commented on the beautiful pavilion at Sidney Hutchinson Park. Ms. Major remarked that pictures of the structure are posted on Facebook.
- ◆ There are still minor issues that must be resolved at the Walker Animal Shelter before it is finished.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adjourn the August 12, 2024 council meeting.


The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:


Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk