CITY OF WALKER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 14, 2026 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jimmy Watson and Council members: David Clark, Eric Cook, Tracy Girlinghouse, Gary Griffin and Scarlett Milton Major.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Girlinghouse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Brad Cascio, candidate for District Attorney, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his candidacy. He provided a brief overview of his background, professional experience, and reasons for seeking election.

Mr. Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2026, council meeting.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Finance Director Mike Cotton presented the July 2026 financial report. Mr. Cotton reported a net profit of approximately $1.2 million as of July 31, 2026, a 1.5% decrease in sales tax revenues, and a 7.2% increase in natural gas sales.

Mr. Cotton also advised the Council of an upcoming sales tax repayment to the Parish resulting from funds that were incorrectly distributed to various entities. The City will make the repayment in installments throughout the remainder of the year.

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

- *Resolution authorizing Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and the Office of Mineral Resources to accept nominations, advertise for, accept and award bids and execute all oil, gas, and mineral leases on behalf of the City of Walker*

The resolution authorizes the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board and Office of Mineral Resources to handle oil, gas, and mineral leasing pertaining to City-owned immovable property located off Industry Way Extension.

Mr. Girlinghouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

❖ *Resolution Declaring City of Walker Property as Surplus*

This resolution declares Police Department vehicles FA 11 and FA 111, along with various miscellaneous items from the Water, Sewer, and Parks departments, as surplus property to be disposed of in accordance with Louisiana State Law.

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

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Clark introduced an Ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Section 12-34, related to parking in spaces designated for disabled persons. No further discussion.

Mr. Griffin introduced an Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Code. No further discussion.

Mr. Girlinghouse introduced an Ordinance for Budget Amendment No. 6; Dawn Street Bridge repairs. No further discussion.

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Major 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 Rezone Sombreros from RC to RC-CAB-1 located at 13407 Pendarvis Lane* (***Ordinance No. 09-2026-01***), as recommended on the July 20, 2026, resolution from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mrs. Major made a motion, seconded by Mr. Girlinghouse, to adopt **Ordinance 09-2026-01.**

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Major to close the public hearing.

Yeas: Clark, Cook, Girlinghouse, Griffin, Major

Nays: None

Absent: None

Additional Comments

- Mayor Watson congratulated Silas Schults, the Disc Gold World Champion from Baton Rouge who frequently plays at the Walker Disc Golf Park.
- Mayor Watson made several announcements as follows
    - Fall Fest will be held October 17th
    - Veterans Day Parade will be November 7th
    - WPAR Soccer has 240 youth participants, which is our largest league to date.
    - The new Concession/Restroom area is open to the public
    - Pendarvis Phase II, from Three Lakes Subdivision to Pleasant Ridge is now underway.

With no further business to discuss the September 14, 2026 council meeting was adjourned.

The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelsey Murray, Municipal Clerk