

# CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2023

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at the Walker City Hall on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jimmy Watson, followed with prayer led by Council member, Gary Griffin. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, called the roll of the council after the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

With no comments, Mayor Watson called for a motion to adopt the council minutes for the April 13, 2023 meeting.

The motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Cook, the minutes from the March 13, 2023 council meeting were adopted.

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Mayor Watson made a special presentation acknowledging the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of long-time Walker resident, Elizabeth Starks-Stewart. Ms. Stewart turned 100 years old on March 28, 2023. Ms. Stewart was unable to attend but her daughter, Marilyn Scott, happily stood in proxy for her mother to receive a key to the city, a certificate and a bouquet of flowers.

Financial Director, Mike Cotton, presented before the mayor and members of the council the February 2023 finance report. Assets as of February 28, 2023 were \$1,448,252. Gas revenue decreased by 32.6%; sales tax revenue increased by 0.7%.

Ms. Major introduced an ordinance for the Issuance of the \$2.5 million Taxable Excess Revenue Bond with the Louisiana Department of Health. The matter will be discussed in a public hearing at the May 8, 2023 council meeting.

Chief of Operations, Jamie Etheridge, brought before the council the Resolution to Declare City of Walker Vehicles/Equipment as Surplus Property (items outlined in resolution).

It was motioned by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the resolution as proposed.

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Mr. Etheridge brought before the council the Resolution Requesting Authorization to Declare City of Walker Materials/Furnishings from Stafford House as Surplus Property to advertise for auction.

It was motioned by Ms. Major, seconded by Mr. Wales, to approve the resolution as proposed.

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

Mayor Watson acknowledged that April 2023 is *Child Abuse Prevention Month* with a signed endorsement signifying the city's support in child abuse prevention. The proclamation was read by Tammy Payton during the council meeting to bring about awareness.

Additional Comments:

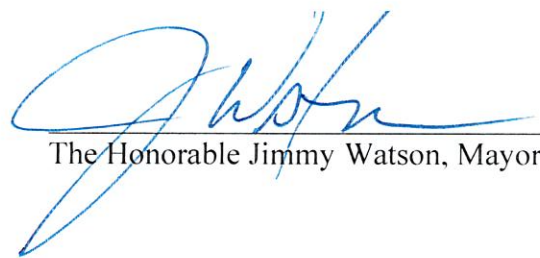
- Mr. Etheridge announced that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry recently inspected the Walker Animal Shelter and determined that it was in good standing. The annual inspection yielded a passing score. Mr. Etheridge commented that he will keep the council updated on the impending construction project of the new shelter. The bid was awarded on February 22, 2023 for \$147,533.
- The City of Walker is the first-place winner for the "Cleanest City Contest" in District VI that is sponsored by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation. As the winner of the District VI contest, the city will compete with five other district winners in the state judging scheduled April 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Ms. Major remarked on the well-attended Spay and Neuter Clinic held on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Walker welcomed pet owners from far and near who took advantage of the low-cost services offered. KatVet of Ponchatoula was on hand along with other sponsors from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- The Easter Event at Sidney Hutchinson Park held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> was a huge success. Plenty of food and vendor booths added to the festive climate. Approximately 10,000 eggs were provided for the Easter egg hunt.
- Chief David Addison responded to a request for an update on the murder incident that occurred on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The victim, who succumbed to a gunshot wound as well as the shooter, are from Harvey, La. All persons involved in this incident have been identified in this ongoing investigation according to the information acquired by police detectives.


With no further business to discuss, it was motioned by Mr. Wales and seconded by Mr. Cook, to adjourn the April 10, 2023 council meeting.

YEAS: Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clark

  
The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:   
Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk



**WALKER POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**





# WALKER POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT March 2023



## Monies Collected

### Fines Collected

Fines	\$7,812.00
T- Cap Fines	\$0.00
LHSC	\$0.00

Total \$7,812.00

### Quick PD Fines Collected

Fines	\$18,811.00
T- Cap Fines	\$0.00
LHSC	\$0.00

Total \$18,811.00

### ADVENT Collected

Fines	\$5,115.00
T- Cap Fines	\$0.00
LHSC	\$0.00

Total \$5,115.00

Other Fees \$4,368.96 \*

Unit Fees \$0.00

### Money for Reports

Police Department	\$320.00
Carfax	\$280.00

Total \$600.00

**Total Monies Collected** **\$36,706.96**

Citations **192**

Calls for Service **652**

Arrests **122**

### Accidents

Highway	44
Fatalities	0

### Grants

LHSC Hours	0.00
LHSC Citations	0.00
LHSC Arrests	0.00

\* cash seized and disbursed to the  
City of Walker

# Walker Police Department

## Arrests - March 2023

Accessory After the Fact	1
Altered License Plate	1
Animals Running at Large	1
Assault, Aggravated, with Firearm	1
Assault, Simple	1
Battery, on a Police Officer	1
Battery, Simple	2
Battery, Simple, of the Infirm	1
Burglary, Simple	2
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Damage to Property	1
Disturbing the Peace	2
Driving Under Suspension	1
Entry/Remaining After Forbidden	2
Expired MVI	1
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	2
Failure to Signal	1
Hit and Run	4
Illegal Tint	1
Improper Display of License Plate	1
Improper Telephone Communications	1
License Plate Light Required	2
Monetary Instrument Abuse	1
No Driver's License	1
No Insurance	1
No License Plate	1
No Proof of Insurance	1
Non-Consensual Disclosure of Private Images	1
Open Container	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	14
Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon	2
Possession of Firearm in the Presence of CDS	2
Possession of Marijuana <14g	12
Possession of Schedule I with Intent	2
Possession of Schedule II	1
Possession of Schedule II with Intent	2
Possession of Schedule III	1
Possession of Schedule IV	1
Possession of Synthetic Cannabinoids	1
Resisting an Officer	5
Terrorizing	1

Theft	5
Unauthorized Entry of an Inhabited Dwelling	1
Unlawful Presence of a Sex Offender	2
Warrant	30
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>122</u></b>

# Walker Police Department

## Citations - March 2023

Careless Operation	3
Careless Operation with Accident	1
Driving Under Suspension	11
Expired License Plate	18
Expired MVI	6
Failure to Dim Headlights	2
Failure to Register	6
Failure to Yield	1
Following Too Closely	1
Hands Free Zone	1
Headlights Required	2
Illegal Tint	5
Improper Lane Usage	1
License Plate Light Required	2
Modified Exhaust	1
No Child Restraint	3
No Driver's License	8
No Driver's License on Person	1
No Insurance	6
No MVI	6
No Seatbelt	4
Ran Red Light	1
Ran Stop Sign	3
Speeding 1-14 mph	4
Speeding 15-20 mph	76
Speeding 15-20 mph, School Zone	3
Speeding 21-25 mph	10
Speeding 26-30 mph	1
Speeding 41-over mph	1
Switched Plate	2
Tail Lights Shall Emit Red	1
Texting While Driving	1

**TOTAL**

**192**

# CAD Response Report By Event Type

Events From: 03/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

Discipline: POLICE

Agency: WALKER

Event Type	Total
911HANGUI911 HANGUP/IMP. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS	2
ABANDVEH ABANDONED/STALLED VEHICLE	14
ALARM ALARM	46
ANIMAL ANIMAL COMPLAINT	5
ASSAULT ASSAULT/AGG ASLT	3
ASSIST PUBLIC OR AGENCY ASSIST	47
BATTERY BATTERY/AGG/2ND DEG	3
BOLOATL BOLO/ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	1
BURGLARY BURGLARY	1
CIVIL CIVIL MATTER	8
COMPCRIM COMPUTER CRIMES/ID THEFT/CYBERSTALKING/FRAUD	3
COMPLNT COMPLAINT	15
DISTURB DISTURBANCE/DISORDERLY PERSON(S)	22
FOLLOWUP FOLLOW-UP	4
FUGATT FUGITIVE ATTACHMENT	18
GUNSHOTS GUNSHOTS/ILL USE OF WEAPON	1
HARASS HARASSMENT/HARASSING PHONE CALLS	4
HITRUN HIT AND RUN	9
HITRUNPP HIT AND RUN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY	3
INSPECT PHYSICAL INSPECTION	3
JUVENILE JUVENILE INCIDENT	4
LOSTFOUN LOST/FOUND OBJECT	1
MEDICAL MEDICAL EMERGENCY	7
MVA MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT/CRASH	51
MVAPP MVA ON PRIVATE PROPERTY	5
NOISE NOISE/LOUD MUSIC	7
PATROL PATROL	7
PROPDAM DAMAGE TO PROPERTY/VANDALISM	7
RADAR RADAR	2
RECKDRIV IMPROPER VEH OPS/INTOX DRIVER	27
REPO REPOSSESSION	1



SUICIDE	SUICIDE/ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	1
SUSPINC	SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	68
THEFT	THEFT/SHOPLIFTING/UNAUTHORIZED USE	16
TRAFCONG	TRAFFIC CONGESTION/BAD STREET CONDITION	10
TRAFINC	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	1
TRAFSTOP	TRAFFIC STOP	187
TRESPASS	TRESPASSING/FAILURE TO LEAVE	2
UNLOCK	VEHICLE UNLOCK	26
WELFARE	WELFARE CHECK	10
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Total		652

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