

# CITY OF WALKER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2023

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Walker Mayor and City Council was held at Walker City Hall on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jimmy Watson, followed with prayer led by Councilman, Richard Wales. Municipal Clerk, Tammy Payton, followed with the roll call of the council.

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

Mayor Watson called for a motion to adopt the minutes for the council meetings held on July 10, 2023.

With no comments or objections, a motion was made by Mr. Wales and seconded by Ms. Major, to approve/adopt the minutes for the July 10, 2023 council meeting.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The following candidates for the November 18, 2023 election attended the council meeting: Kelle Hennessy Dickerson, House of Representative, District 64; Travis Tharp, Parish Council District 6 and Ricky Goff, Parish Council District 7. They were allowed to introduce themselves and make remarks about their campaign.

Financial Director, Mike Cotton, reviewed the June 2023 financial report before the mayor and city council. Total net assets for the period ending June 30, 2023 were \$1,874,551. Gas revenue increased by 5.3% and sales tax 2.8% year over year.

Assistant Chief Kenath Black requested the approval of the council for a Resolution to Declare Walker Police Department Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus Property. The vehicles and equipment listed in the resolution are antiquated and no longer in use. Assistant Black informed the council that the Towns of Melville and Waterproof expressed interest in acquiring some of our surplus items. These donations would aid the towns in the support of public and officer safety. With the approval of the council, the Walker Police Department wishes to assist them in this effort.

It was motioned by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Wales, to approve the proposed resolution from the Walker Police Department.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENTS: None

A motion was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Ms. Major to lift the agenda and enter into public hearing.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Clark presented before the council the 2023 Annual Budget Amendment No. 2. This will amend the revenues and expenditures for the street and drainage/sewer departments to purchase a Vacuum System Mounted Truck that would be shared by both departments.

A motion was made by Mr. Wales, seconded by Ms. Major, to approve **Ordinance #08-2023-01; 2023 Annual Budget Amendment No. 2** as proposed.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Wales.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**Additional Comments:**

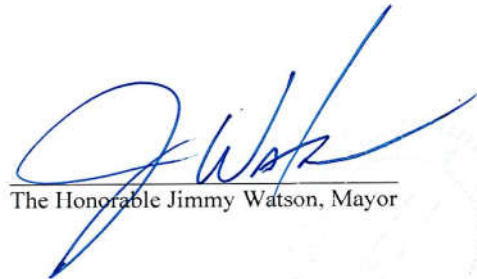
- Ms. Major provided photos of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual spay-neuter clinic held July 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Ms. Major reported that 77 dogs and 88 cats were fixed and vaccinated. Once again, a successful clinic.
- Photos of the new Walker Animal Shelter were shown. Jamie Etheridge reported on the remarkable progress of the construction for the 50 x 100 structure.


With no further business or comments to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Wales and seconded by Mr. Cook, to adjourn the August 14, 2023 council meeting.

YEAS: Clark, Cook, Griffin, Major, Wales

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

  
The Honorable Jimmy Watson, Mayor

Attest:   
Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk