

On Monday, May 11, 2026 Mayor Walker called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. At roll call all members except council member Wilkins were present. It was determined a quorum did exist.

The first item was approval of the Consent Agenda. Council member Watts motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next item was approval of the Agenda. Council member Askvig motioned to accept the agenda, seconded by council member Estes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The only item on the agenda was an updated Meriwether County Animal Services Interagency Governmental Agreement.

After discussion of the agreement and related charges to the Town, council member Estes motioned that we do not sign the agreement, seconded by council member Askvig. The vote in favor of not signing the agreement was unanimous.

Council member Estes said she received a complaint that during the recent arts and crafts fairs, the deputies we hired were just standing around together. Mayor Walker said he had occasion to be in and out of Gay on both Saturday and Sunday. He saw the officer's cars parked both north of Town and south of Town but did not see any deputies standing around. That indicated to him they were within the fairs, not just standing around.

Council member Watts said she thinks there should be another designated cross walk for pedestrians. The spacing of two cross walks leaves too much room and people dart across the road between traffic. She feel another one would stop some of that and be safer. Council agreed that safety is of primary importance.

The next item was financial documents. After discussion, council member Watts motioned to approve the documents, seconded by council member Estes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council member Watts stated that this will be her last meeting. She and her family are moving out of Gay so she is resigning. She will be missed by all. Her attention and input are always thoughtful and fair.

Mayor Walker said he has spoken to our attorney to see if he could appoint an interim member since we cannot have an election until November, which will make it January before we will actually have another council member in

place. Apparently our charter does not address that so the answer is no, he cannot appoint anyone.

The Mayor said he will contact the attorney again with more questions about an interim "seat holder".

As there was no more business, council member Watts motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by council member Estes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Christopher J. Walker – Mayor

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Sharon Richmond - Clerk