



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2023**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Lee Lamb, Councilmember
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Vickie Lawson, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
John Meier, City Attorney
Jason Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Innovation

Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

City Manager amended the agenda for presentation of an award from Cherokee County planning and Zoning for Comprehensive Plan Award.
Margaret Stallings presented an award for the Comprehensive Plan Award.

Item 3: Consideration to Approve Public Hearing Minutes September 25, 2023

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Public Hearing council minutes for September 25, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Lawson, and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2023

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for September 25, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Five Minute Public Hearing

- None

Item 6: Water System Report

- Jason Townsend reported that he got material in last week to start doing some services. The last month he's been trying to find the issues with water, ended up Reinhardt is killing us with usage. Cherokee County audited the meters for us. With that and Kendall we found one meter at the girl's dorm was not billing correctly. The gym uses lots of water irrigating. They are using 1 million to irrigate and drain Clayton Elementary. We need Cherokee County to do an audit on all our big meters to be sure everything is good with them. The extra water we have bought from Cherokee County is supposedly allocated to Fate Conn pump station; we did not know that. The City Manager will find out if this is accurate and see if we can move that usage to Twin Forks. The college is irrigating after midnight now, as asked. Councilmember Cochran stated that if we don't have the pump station at Fate Conn ready when they start pulling off for salacoa we can't supply for that. How long on the Fate Conn station, Jason has to get with Keith Satterfield on the building. The Dry Pond pump station we had worked on. Waiting for a price. Jason has hired someone to help him with the leaks. Hasn't fixed 471 Ore Mine Rd yet, but on top of list. Councilmember Lee Lamb wants city manager to check agreement for extra usage to see if it is allocated.

Item 7: City Manager Report

- Reported that we need to move the December 11th meeting to December 4th, everyone agrees.
- Christmas Tree Lighting is December 7th. Can we do that at city hall or continue at the same place? Councilmember Cochran wants to discuss it at the next meeting.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report

- The annexation is zoned AG and must be rezoned before annexation. City Manager stated that what she understands is the county needs to advertise it before annexation.
 - 830 Puckett Creek Dr.
 - Water Resource Management Plan, City does not have to adopt it
 - Needs a copy of IGA Huey Barnes Ln
 - Fincher Road Water Lines
- When Bryan Watkins came to us everybody was on board with the easements, but now they're not. Renita has asked what compensation she will get for this, after we spent \$4200 on easements to do this. The city can do a GUPS to put it in the ROW. Lamar Rogers will take care of this. We have 3 signed easements.

- John had a phone conference with Angel Quintana on 10/9 2023. City cannot proceed until it has a title option from his attorney providing the name of the property owner and all title matters for the property where he would like to have the water meter installed. All interested parties disclosed by the title search must agree to the placement of a water meter on his/her/their property. Mr. Quintana stated that he believed there is a 25-foot easement on the permits the installation of utilities, including water meters. Mr. Quintana said the city permitted a water meter to be placed in the 25-foot easement in 2019 for the person that owned his house before it was conveyed to him. Told Mr. Quintana that no action can be taken until he has provided acceptable documentation that the city can place the water meter in a location that must be approved by the city engineer and water system manager.
- Jason reported that at Huey Barnes the footage was measured incorrectly and that he will have to refigure according to what the county showed him had to be done.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

- None

Item 10: Council Remarks

- None

Item 11: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF October, 2023.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:
Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk