



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 15, 2019**

**Present:** Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor  
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem  
Paul Ice, Councilmember  
Lee Lamb, Councilmember  
Jon Costales, Councilmember  
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager  
John Meier, City Attorney  
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

**Absent:** Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

**Item 1: Call to Order**

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

**Item 2: Pledge to the Flag**

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Lamb.

Heath Tippens with Cherokee Development Authority spoke on their behalf. They have quarterly meetings in Woodstock at 9:30am. City of Waleska did not have a volunteer for this Authority, so Councilmember Vickie Boswell volunteered on the City's behalf.

**Item 3: Review and Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2019 Work Session Meeting**

Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the minutes for the work session meeting held on March 21, 2019. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve Minutes for March 21, 2019 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

**Item 4: Review and Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2019 Public Hearing Meeting**

Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the minutes for the public hearing meeting. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked

for a motion to approve minutes from March 25, 2019 Public Hearing meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

- Item 5: Review and Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2019 Council Meeting**  
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the minutes for the regular schedule meeting. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2019 council meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Item 6: Review and Approval of Resolution 2019-07 Safe Digging Month**  
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the Resolution 2019-07 for Safe Digging Month. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-07. Mr. Alvin Kennedy was here to accept the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb and Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present.
- Item 7: Review and Approval of Resolution 2019-08 Matthew Hemphill**  
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the Resolution 2019-08 for Authorizing the Conveyance of Property. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-08. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch and Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present.
- Item 8: Review and Approve Updated and Corrected Employee Handbook**  
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the Employee Handbook. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Updated and Corrected Employee Handbook. A motion was made by Councilmember Boswell and Councilmember Lee Lamb and approved by all members present.
- Item 9: Consideration to Approve Yard of the Month**  
Mayor Lamb asked for consideration for Yard of the Month for May. After discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Costales for Councilmember Cochran's residence, seconded by Councilmember Bosch. Councilmember Cochran abstained.
- Item 10: Water System Report**  
No Report. Stanley Townsend was absent. Councilmembers asked about Pleasant Arbor continuation. City Manager Robyn Smith will check on this.
- Item 11: City Managers Report**  
City Manager Robyn Smith reported that she will be attending the Alcohol class to get the City's ORI# on April 24, 2019.

**Item 12: City Attorney's Report**

Attorney John Meier reported that we need to revisit the Permitted Use Table again soon, and the Open Records request that was submitted to use has been completed.

**Item 13: Mayor's Report**

Mayor Lamb reported that the City Manager and herself attended a meeting with the City of Canton, Cherokee County Manager Jerry Cooper, and a representative from North GA Angel House about relinquishing North GA Angel House to the City of Canton. All parties agreed with relinquishing North GA Angel House and City of Canton will be presenting a letter to City of Waleska asking for this. Mayor Lamb also stated that Stanley Townsend had contacted her about getting someone to remove trees at Dry Pond Pump Station. Some questions were asked about how many and what he is using them for. Census from Council stated that we talk about this when Stanley Townsend is present.

Mayor Lamb reported from the Lunch and Learn that City Manager and herself attended. It was very informative and gave us information to think about for the future as far as leaks for our customers.

**Item 14: Council Remarks**

Councilmember Cochran asked that he would like to see the budget report and bank balances. City Manager explained to him that we were still working out the kinks with the new software and she would have something to him by next meeting.

Councilmember Boswell asked that on the phone calls for customers that are late and for customers cutoff that the caller ID show up as City of Waleska, and that we start sending text messages because a lot of people won't listen to a robo call. Councilmember Costales reported that we have put in place a lot of benefits and gone over and beyond for our customers that are late in paying but suggested that maybe we could create a postcard to give customers when they pay after they have been cutoff to show them how to set up Auto Pay. Councilmember Bosch thought that we were doing human calls, not robo. The City Manger reported there was no way we physically can do that and there is not one city in Cherokee County that makes personal calls for late customers, that we normally have about 300 late customers on the 16<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**Item 15: Adjournment**

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2019.

Mary Helen Lamb  
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk

