



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2019**

- Present:** Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Paul Ice, Councilmember
Jon Costales, Councilmember
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
John Meier, City Attorney
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
- Absent:** Lee Lamb, Councilmember
- 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.
- Item 3:** **Oath of Office for Newly Elected Official**
Councilmember elect, Vickie Boswell, was introduced by the Mayor to the other Councilmembers and public. After agreeing to serve, Ms. Boswell was sworn in by City Attorney, John Meier.
- Item 4:** **Review and Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2019 Meeting**
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the minutes for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting held on January 28, 2019. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve Minutes for January 28, 2019 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.
- Item 5:** **Consideration to Approve Resolution 2019-03 Georgia Cities Week**
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to approve Resolution 2019-03 for Georgia Cities Week. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve Resolution

2019-03. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Costales, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Consideration to Approve 2019 Election Resolution 2019-02 Setting Qualifying Fees and Dates

Dates for Qualifying are Monday, August 5th – Wednesday August 7, 2019 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Mayor and Councilmembers reviewed the proposed Resolution setting the dates for qualifying for the 2019 elections for residents of Waleska. After discussions, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve 2019 Election Resolution 2019-02 for Qualifying Fees and Dates. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Consideration to Approve Amount the City Charges for 4", 6" and 8" water meters

The Mayor and Councilmembers reviewed information obtained from various sources, including the City of Canton and Cherokee County, Georgia setting forth the cost of purchasing and installing water meters of various sizes. After discussion and further consideration, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the City charging \$54,000 for a 4" meter and related items, \$115,000 for a 6" meter and related items, and \$204,000 for an 8" meter and related items. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve cost for 4" meter. A motion to approve the City charging \$54,000 for a 4" water meter and related items was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Councilmember Cochran made a motion to table further discussion on Item 7 to enable Dean Woodall to speak with the Mayor and Councilmembers to determine if there was any current opposition to a residential development on 72 acres owned by Mr. Woodall abutting the City of Waleska. Included in the discussion was the possibility of having the property annex into the City. The motion to permit Mr. Woodall to speak was seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

After the presentation by Mr. Woodall, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to reconvene discussions on Item 7. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Boswell to reconvene discussions on Item 7. The motion was approved by all members present.

Discussions continued concerning the amount the City should charge for water meters and related items. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the City charging \$115,000 for a 6" meter and related items. A motion to approve the City charging \$115,000 for a 6" water meter and related items was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

Discussions continued concerning the amount the City should charge for an 8" water meter and related items. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the City charging \$204,000 for an 8" meter and related items. A motion to approve the City charging \$204,000 for an 8" water meter and related items was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.

Item 8: Consideration to Approve North Canton Fire Station #9 Water Use and Supply Requirements

City Manager Robyn Smith informed Mayor and Council that on the plans for North Canton Fire Station #9 there was a statement that said, "City of Waleska agreed". City Engineer, Lamar Rogers, brought the statement to the attention of Jud Martin, with PE Planners and Engineers Collaborative - Designers and Engineers for the North Canton Fire Station. According to Mr. Rogers, Mr. Martin is to remove that statement and send new set of plans. After reviewing the current plans, Stanley Townsend and Lamar Rogers noticed that Cherokee County would need to be provided with an easement providing access to existing utilities. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve North Canton Fire Station #9 Water Use and Supply Requirements with the stipulation that the statement "City of Waleska agreed", and that an appropriate easement be provided giving access to existing utilities, and that the new plans be approved by Mr. Rogers and Mr. Townsend. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Boswell and approved by all members present.

Item 9: Water System

Stanley Townsend reported that they were almost finished with the Dry Pond Pump Station and that the internet and Scada have been set up. Mr. Townsend also informed the Council that Matthew Hemphill of 5890 Reinhardt College Parkway spoke with him and inquired about the City's interest in conveying to him the 80' X 80" property located beside his home on which the former water tank was located. After discussion the Mayor indicated the City would be willing to consider an offer from Mr. Hemphill but any such offer would have to be made in writing, including specific plans for the removal of the former water tower and the proper disposal of all debris.

Item 10: City Manager's Report

City Manager Robyn Smith suggested that the next dumpster day for the community be Thursday, April 25, 2019. The Council had originally scheduled a work session for February 21, 2019 but, due to the unavailability of Mr. Townsend, all Councilmembers agreed to reschedule the work session for March 21, 2019.

Item 11: City Attorney's Report
No Report.

Item 12: Mayor's Report

Mayor Lamb had asked City Manager for instructions on the current process used when those receiving water from the city are late on their payments, including the process used to disconnect water supplies. City Manager Robyn Smith reviewed the current process, outlining each part of the process including efforts to work with the water customers and process used to discontinue services. The process used to re-establish water services was also discussed. The discussion was prompted, in part, due to the numerous calls made to the City's Water Supervisor the prior weekend due to the number of services that were discontinued due to failure to comply with City requirements. After much discussion, Mayor and Council agreed to keep cutoffs the way they were.

Mayor Lamb asked if the City Manager could contact Georgia Power or the appropriate authority to inform them that various lighting service by the authority were not functioning and were a safety concern. In addition, the Mayor requested that efforts be taken to determine and fix the problems with lights illuminating the sign welcoming people to Waleska.

Item 13: Council Remarks
No Report.

Item 14: Executive Session - Litigation
Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to move into executive session. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 15: Adjournment
Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Ice, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF February, 2019.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk

