



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2018**

**Present:** Doris Jones, Mayor  
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor Pro Tem  
Paul Ice, Councilmember  
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager  
Dana Thompson, City Attorney  
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline Construction  
Lamar Rogers, G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers

**Absent:** Jon Costales, Councilmember  
Lee Lamb, Councilmember

**Item 1: Call to Order**  
Mayor Jones called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

**Item 2: Pledge to the Flag**  
The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Jones.

**City Clerk, Robyn Smith asked to amend the Agenda to add Welch, Walker & Associates Audit Letter and Discussion of 5-year levy**  
Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve amending the Agenda to include consideration of the audit letter from Welch & Walker Associates, and Discussion of 5-year levy. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb, and seconded by Councilmember Ice, and approved by all members present.

**Item 3: Consideration to Approve June 18, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes**  
Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the June 18, 2018 minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bosch, and seconded by Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb, and approved by all members present

**Item 4: Consideration to Approve June 19, 2018 Special Called Meeting Minutes**  
Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the June 19, 2018 special called meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb, and seconded by Councilmember Ice, and approved by all members present.

**Item 5: Consideration to Approve Resolution 2018-07 to set Qualifying Fees**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 2018-07 to set Qualifying Fees. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Ice, and seconded by Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb, and approved by all members present

**Item 6: Consideration to Approve Resolution 2018-09 Budget Amendment**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 2018-09 Budget Amendment. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bosch, and seconded by Councilmember Ice, and approved by all members present

**Item 7: Thomas Weaver to Address Mayor and Council**

Thomas Weaver had requested to be placed on the Agenda to address the Council regarding his concern about a provision in the City's code. Mr. Weaver made his remarks to the Council and then submitted his remarks in writing as follows:

Mayor Doris Jones and Members of Council, I am Thomas Weaver. The purpose of my presentation this evening is to express a voiced concern regarding an ordinance 22-182 (1) (b) currently promulgated by the City of Waleska. The ordinance I site is listed under article V of Chapter 22 of Part II of the Waleska Municipal Code. At present, the ordinance in question limits the ability of a person to enter the controlled zone within a festival if such person is armed with a weapon. Such ordinance vests the City Clerk with the ability to make a recommendation for such restriction, upon the advice and consent of City Council and the Mayor. I believe this to be unlawful. The State of Georgia has preempted to a great degree the authority of local units to regulate Weaponry. Further, the State has deemed it fit to allow person to enter festivals while armed under substantial changes that were made to Georgia Law back in the summer of 2010, under SB 308 being public act 643 of 2010. The part of the bill that deleted this type of control can be found under § 1-3 of that act. I take note that this ordinance was enacted by council in 2013, some three years after SB 308, and in direct defiance of Georgia Code Section § 16-11-173. I presented a detailed letter to the city outlining these concerns, among other legal considerations, as to why I felt the ordinance is unlawful. I respectfully request that Council direct City Staff and City Legal resources to explore the legal visibility of the ordinance I site to determine whether the ordinance is valid. I do not question the entirety of the ordinance, only the inclusion of the word "weapons" under Waleska code 22-182 (1) (b). Although I recite that I have not personally aggrieved by any enforcement action taken against me by the city because of the ordinance herein cited, I do ask that legal considerations to be now made because of my concern in the course of respectful discourse of Governmental Business with the City. I ask that this matter advance to Second reading later this month so that Council can have an opportunity to act upon this concern to correct this matter.

Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb stated that the City rarely, if ever, has festivals and has never had any discussion about regulating the possession of weapons at a City gathering. If such an occasion arises in the future, the City will consider this concern, but the matter does not need to be researched by the City attorney at this time.

**Item 8: Water System Report**

Stanley Townsend reported that the contractor who could break up and remove the rock on the Pleasant Arbor water line project has been out to look at the project but

not has yet provided a price. Townsend is continuing to lay pipe; they stopped on the west side. Mr. Townsend also reported that he gave Robyn Smith a quote for replacing services on Hwy 140.

Lamar Rogers with Turnipseed Engineers has provided a quote for a monitoring system for Dry Pond Station.

Mr. Townsend reported that a control panel has not yet been installed. Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb suggested that we could get a price on the repair of pump house from Lamar Darby.

Lamar Rogers suggested the possibility of replacing service lines from Darby to the 4-way pipe. Councilmember Ice said that is the only way to stop the leaks.

Mr. Rogers reported that GEFA is offering a 20% forgiveness on their loans.

**Item 9 : City Manager's Report**

City Clerk/Manager reminded Council that shredding day is July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 noon.

Qualifying is August 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

The ribbon Cutting at the Magnolia Salon is July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

She reported that she had received the tax digest totals and will be advertising the 5 year levy this week. The millage rate would be voted on at the next meeting.

The City Clerk/Manager has received quotes on shirts for Mayor, Council and staff and will be ordering them soon.

**Item 10: City Attorney's Report**

No Report.

**Item 11: Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported that Mayor and Council had been to Savannah and that it was an enjoyable, productive trip.

**Item 12 Council Remarks**

Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb remarked on the great improvement in the appearance and readability of the budget report that was produced with the new system.

**Item 12: Adjournment**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Councilmember Ice, seconded by Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb and approved by all members present

APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF July, 2018.

Doris A. Jones

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk

