



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 5, 2018**

**Present:** Doris Jones, Mayor  
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor Pro Tem  
Curtis Endicott, Councilman  
Paul Ice, Councilman  
Jon Costales, Councilman  
Lee Lamb, Councilman  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager  
Cindy Patton, City Attorney  
Jason Townsend, Townsend Pipeline  
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline  
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

**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 amended the agenda for Brandon Roberts and Sharon Romano to speak.**

Brandon Roberts shared with Mayor and Council that he is involved with Branches of Faith, a nonprofit 501C organization. Branches of Faith reaches out to residents in difficult situations to restore hope and help them by having a family fun day. Branches of Faith will be having a lunch party drop-by on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Woodstock and an invitation will be sent. Their website is [branchesoffaith.org](http://branchesoffaith.org).

Sharon Romano shared with Mayor and Council that she wanted to make us aware of a situation involving a leak at her house that she had reported to City Hall for two weeks. She was told that Townsend Pipeline's truck was down and that the line would be fixed as soon as the truck was fixed. She reported that the crew left mud prints all over the sidewalk and didn't come back to clean that up. She also reported that she now has water in her backyard, but that it could be the result of a spring. She can't read her meter because it is full of mud. She is a tax payer and thought this situation could be taken care of a lot sooner.

Lamar Rogers reported to Mayor and Council that DOT had approved the crosswalk at 108 and Grady St. He presented a proposed cost of \$9,465 to do the work. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the proposal to stripe Highway 108 and Grady St, to not exceed \$9,465 in cost. A motion was made by Councilmember Mary Helen

Lamb, and seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

**Item 3: Consideration to Approve February 12, 2018 Minutes**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Costales, and seconded by Councilmember Endicott, and approved by all members present.

**Item 4: Consideration to Approve RFP for Sanitation**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the RFP for Sanitation. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lamb and seconded by Councilmember Endicott, and approved by all members present.

**Item 5: Consideration to Approve Columbus Day as an Employee Holiday**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve Columbus Day as an Employee Holiday. A motion was made by Councilmember Lamb to amend the employee handbook to approve President's Day as an additional Employee Holiday, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

**Item 6: Water System Report**

Stanley Townsend reported that cleaning the mud on the sidewalk is not really their job, and he was out to fix the leak the day the truck was fixed. The repair couldn't be fixed by a back hoe, and he said he did what he was supposed to do. He also reported that he has talked with Cherokee Co about the Highway 140 and Lower Burris RD intersection, and that it is getting close to the time to put the project out to bid. It is hoped that DOT will help with funding. Lamar Rogers said that he will look into that possibility. He reported that Lake Arrowhead wanted to know if the city was interested in selling them water. Mayor Jones asked for them to come speak with us about selling them water. Stanley will set that up.

**Item 7: City Managers Report**

City Clerk Robyn Smith reported to Mayor and Council that she has started on the budget and will have a draft to them in April for review. She also reported that things are moving along with the new software company and training will begin soon.

**Item 8: City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Cindy Patton reported that the court ruled in our favor in the Jones v Byers law suit that involved a water leak and which the city had been made a party to.

**Item 9: Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jones reported that the Waleska Farmer's Market will be moving from Reinhardt College to Heritage Baptist Church. She has been talking with Nathan Brandon, and although Zac White will not continue to be a part of it due to it being held in the mornings now, the managing of the Market has been coordinated. Mayor will speak at the first day its held. It will still be called Waleska Farmer's Market and will be held on Thursdays from 10-2:00. It is expected that the same vendors will be there.

**Item 10:**

**Council Remarks**

Councilmember Lamb reported that the community Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> from 11-1:00 at Waleska United Methodist Church.

**Item 11:**

**Adjournment**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Endicott, and seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2018.

Doris A. Jones

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk