



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2017**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
Curtis Endicott, Councilman
Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman
Paul Ice, Councilman
Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman
Dana Thompson, City Attorney
Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

Not Present: Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem

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.

Item 3: Consideration to Approve February 6, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Mary Helen Lamb and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend distributed a list of large meters from 1 ½ inch to 8 inch in size that were not working and needed to be replaced. The cost of the meters will be approximately \$95,000.00 dollars. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to move forward with the purchase of the meters.

Item 5: City Manager's Report

Ms. Lou Stewart informed Mayor and Council that she had received two quotes from Allan Vigil Ford for state contract pricing on a new Ford F150 truck for the

maintenance department. One quote was for a two-wheel drive and one for a four-wheel drive. With the small price difference Ms. Stewart recommended purchasing the four-wheel drive vehicle for \$23,100.00. The purchase of the vehicle is to be paid for with SPLOST funds which were allocated for vehicles and equipment. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb to purchase the vehicle, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Ms. Stewart informed Mayor and Council that the last water rate structure study was completed by Turnipseed Engineers in 2009. Ms. Stewart requested approval to give authority to Turnipseed Engineers to move forward with completing a new rate structure study with a cost of \$7,500.00 dollars. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the rate study. Ms. Stewart informed that she will bring a budget amendment to the March Council Meeting for approval to move funds from contingency to cover this cost.

Ms. Stewart informed that County Manager Jerry Cooper will schedule a meeting at the end of March for all Cities to meet and discuss the 2018 SPLOST distribution. She further informed that she will contact them when a date has been finalized.

Item 6: City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

Item 7: Mayor's Report

No report was given.

Item 8: Council Remarks

Councilman Endicott informed that the Waleska Fire Department competed in events in Gatlinburg over the weekend and achieved twelve awards. This is a great accomplishment from our local firemen.

Councilwoman Fournier informed Council that her last meeting will be the first meeting in July. She further informed that she and her family will be building a new home and it will be out of the City. Everyone wished her well.

Item 11: Executive Session

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:35 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Item 11: Adjournment:

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

APPROVED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk