



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2016**

**Present:** Doris Jones, Mayor  
Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Edna Cook, Councilwoman  
Paul Ice, Councilman  
Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman  
Curtis Endicott, Councilman  
Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman  
Will Tate, City Attorney  
Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager  
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

**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 8, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Cochran requested a change under his comments in Item 10. He asked that armed forces be changed to public service officials. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the requested change. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

**Item 4: Discussion of Abandoning Old City Streets**

Attorney Will Tate informed Council that a Resolution was prepared for Council approval concerning abandoning old City streets. This will allow for citizens to be issued a quit claim deed in order to establish clear title to their property upon request and proof of their ownership. This will need to be reviewed by the City Attorney and then sent back to Council once approved. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve.

Councilwoman Lamb made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-1, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

**Item 5            Discussion of Grady Street Speed Tables**

City Clerk/Manager Lou Stewart informed Council that the City had received a change order from Turnipseed Engineers for the installation of two (2) speed tables on Grady Street. The cost for installing them is \$9,430.08. She further informed that in discussing this with the Mayor and others this cost was higher than originally discussed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Cook for Ms. Stewart to research further for cost to install the speed tables, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

**Item 6            Water System Report**

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council that Grady Street was now completed with the exception of putting the fence back and some other small items. At this time, Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Townsend for all his work on the Grady Street sidewalk project.

**Item 7            City Managers Report**

Ms. Stewart informed Council that the Sanitation Report was normal but the Water Report indicated a much higher usage from the Cherokee County meter. She further informed that Jason Townsend took the readings from Cherokee and Canton meters after completing the meter reading cycle. In order to have an accurate total of usage, we will need for Jason to read the County meters one more month in order to have correct beginning and ending readings correlating with our reading cycle.

Ms. Stewart informed that the financial statement that was included in their packet had balanced up-to-date totals for all cash accounts however; some of the expense accounts still needed some re-allocations for the expenditure side to be completing correct. She went through the items that needed re-allocating and explained the reasons. Ms. Stewart further informed Council that by the end of March she plans to submit a budget report for review in order to get prepared for the next fiscal year budget process.

**Item 8            City Attorney Report**

Attorney Will Tate discussed the City face book page and what would be the best solution in order not to have comments that will need responses. After further discussion, it was decided to keep the face book page but the remove the comment section and to use it for informational purposes only such as water leaks, holiday closures and city events.

**Item 9            Mayor's Report**

No Report.

**Item 10 Council Remarks**

Councilwoman Lamb asked Ms. Stewart if she had researched the ordinance concerning water billing procedures. Ms. Stewart informed that she had read the Utility Ordinance and it included provisions for termination of service and penalties but did not address how leak adjustments were calculated or how many were allowed annually.

Councilwoman Lamb also requested that a link for the library be added on the City website.

**Item 11 Executive Session – Personnel**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

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Lou Stewart, City Clerk