



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 6, 2017**

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

**Not Present:** Edna Cook, Councilwoman

**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: Mandi Ballinger-State House Representative, District 23**

Mayor Jones informed Council that she had spoken with Ms. Ballinger and requested that she attend the Council Meeting to discuss any new items/information from our District. Ms. Ballinger informed Mayor and Council that she served as Chair for Juvenile Justice and also serves as a member on several Committees such as, Appropriations, Information and Audits, Judiciary Non-Civil, Rules and Transportation. She also serves as the Secretary for the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee. Ms. Ballinger discussed bills that were being worked on and informed Council that she was proud to serve our District and to please reach out to let her know the City's needs.

**Item 4: Consideration to Approve January 23, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the January 23, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

**Item 5: Approval of Committees, Boards & Authorities for 2017**

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that Mayor Jones had contacted each person on the list and they had all agreed to serve another term. She further informed there were no changes in the members from 2016. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the members for 2017. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

**Item 6: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Cherokee County to Conduct Elections**

Lou Stewart informed Council that a lunch and learn was held with Elections Director Kim Stancil in January. During the time, Ms. Stancil informed everyone that each City's agreement has a different date for renewal. She requested to have everyone approve a new agreement at the beginning of the year in order for them all to be on the same renewable cycle. This agreement is the same terms as the one approved prior. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the agreement. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

**Item 7: Water System Report**

No report was given.

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

Ms. Stewart informed Council that the rezoning application that was distributed was for their review, prior to approval. Cherokee County will hold a Public Hearing and Work Session prior to approval. They will also notify each adjoining property owner of the rezoning request. The City of Waleska will also hold a second Public Hearing on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular Council Meeting when final approval will be made.

She also reminded Council of the need to determine SPLOST projects. Ms. Stewart informed, in speaking with the City Auditor that one category that should be considered was Roadway Systems and Water Improvements.

Ms. Stewart also informed Council that Budget preparation will be coming up soon and would like to discuss base rates according to meter sizes and the fee and gallon tier structure for rates.

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

Mr. John Meier informed that a calendar call had been set this week for pending litigation. A request to set a trial date will be made before the Judge at this time.

**Item 10: Mayor's Report**

No report was given.

**Item 10: Council Remarks**

No comments.

**Item 11: Executive Session**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb 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 Cochran 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 Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

APPROVED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

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Lou Stewart, City Clerk