



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 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: Election Certificate Presentations – R. M. Moore Elementary Students

Mayor Jones with the help of Sheriff Frank Reynolds presented certificates to twelve students that participated in a City Election at R. M. Moore Elementary School on December 14, 2016. A student from four different classes were elected to the position of Mayor, Council Member and Sheriff. The students elected from Mrs. Rogers' class were Asa Powell-Mayor, Isabella Marsack-Council Member and Gracie Reece-Sheriff. The students in Mrs. Hefner's class was Lyla Griffith-Mayor, Sawyer Goodrow-Council Member and Sophia Simmons-Sheriff. Students elected in Mrs. Bennett's class were Aidan Searcy-Mayor, Brennan Wetherington-Council Member and Cray Williams-Sheriff. Students elected in Miss. Gravitt's class were Kamden Jenkins-Mayor, Chase Russell-Council Member and Rylie Geiger-Sheriff. Mayor Jones and Council stated this was one of their favorite meetings of the year to be included in presenting these students their election certificates.

Citizens:

Mr. Ken Smith, the City of Waleska Representative for the Cherokee Planning and Zoning Commission was in attendance to inform Mayor and Council of the upcoming rezoning request. He stated there were no significant issues during the Work Session concerning the application on Bartow Street. He further stated that when the rezoning application was submitted to him for Phoebe Maze's property at the corner of Bartow and Hwy 140, he will send an update on it.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve February 20, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the February 20, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Approval of Budget Amendment for Water Rate Structure Study

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council the budget amendment was for the water rate structure study that was approved at the February 20th Council Meeting. The cost is \$7,500.00 and it will be moved from the contingency fund to other purchased services. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed that the two meters located at each elementary school were newer meters and would not be included in the replacement of the larger meters. He further informed that he was trying to schedule replacing the Reinhardt meter during Spring break.

Item 7: City Manager's Report

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council that she was continuing to work with Santek Waste Services in the transition of the new accounts acquired from the Pickelsimer acquisition. She further informed that a letter will be mailed to all customers that will be affected to let them know their sanitation bill will now be through the City of Waleska.

Ms. Stewart informed Council that she will be submitting a Budget Schedule for their review. She further stated that she plans to submit a preliminary budget by the April 24th Council meeting.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

No report was given.

Item 10: Council Remarks

No remarks.

Item 11: Executive Session

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:25 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran, 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. 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 Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

APPROVED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk