



City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
August 2016

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

We have completed our August Council Meetings and wish to share some of the information we discussed.

August 1, 2016 City Council Meeting

Consideration to Approve Lease Agreement

Ms. Susan Worsley from North Georgia Angel House informed Council that they will be using the City Hall rental space for the girls to store and complete crafts. The crafts will then be taken to Marietta to sell in their Foster store. They make jewelry, pottery and paintings to sell; and they need more space. They have volunteers that work with the girls and they will not be left unattended. They use Kennesaw University intern students to help the girls with their arts and crafts and hope to appeal to the Reinhardt students to volunteer as well at their new location.

Discussion to Set Millage Rate

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council she had received the tax digest totals that were going to be submitted to the Department of Revenue and they were unchanged from the preliminary ones therefore; the millage rate calculation to be revenue neutral needs to be 4.285. She further informed that the digest and five year tax levy must be run in the paper seven days prior to adoption. The millage rate adoption will be placed on the August 15, 2016 Council Meeting agenda.

Water System Report

Stanley Townsend informed that the County has begun work on Pittman Lane and he should be able to begin moving water lines in approximately two weeks. He also informed that we had a difference of approximately three million gallons in the billing to Canton customers to the billing we received on usage from the City of Canton. After further discussion, it was determined to call the Georgia Rural Water Association to have them schedule a time to meet with Mr. Townsend to work on determining what the water loss issue might be.

City Managers Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that all three SPLOST accounts had been closed that was approved at an earlier date and all documentation of the transfer of funds were included in their packet. She further informed that most June invoices had been paid and that budget amendments will be submitted at the September 12th Council Meeting with a budget report to support the requested amendments.

August 15, 2016 City Council Meeting

Adoption of 2016 Millage Rate – Resolution 2016-3

City Council approved Resolution 2016-3 to adopt the 2016 Millage Rate of 4.285.

Yard of the Month

A nomination for Yard of the Month was made by Councilwoman Lamb for Reinhardt University. Mayor and Council agreed with this nomination.



Water System Report

Stanley Townsend informed that a representative from Georgia Rural Water had met with him concerning the City of Canton water loss issue. He further informed that the representative agreed that water cannot be bought and sold through the same line. He was also in agreement that the best alternative at this time, is to set a new master meter at the end of the line to measure what we are purchasing. The cost of the meter will be approximately \$20,000.00 dollars. After further discussion, the consensus of Council was to move forward with the purchase of the meter. Mr. Townsend will also be meeting with an Engineer from the City of Canton next week to see if they can determine anything additional that could correct the issues.

City Managers Report

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council that she had received the LMIG application to apply for funds for resurfacing of City streets. She further informed there is a match of ten to thirty percent needed by the City. With City streets being in good condition, it was the consensus of Council not to move forward with the application process.

Ms. Stewart informed that Reinhardt University had approached the Mayor concerning a joint purchase of banners to be placed on each street light pole. Each banner will have Welcome to Waleska with the City logo on one side and Reinhardt University with pictures of students on the

other side. They will be 2" x 5" and mounted with brackets that attach around the poles. The City portion of the cost would be \$1,158.00. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council not to participate in the purchase of the banners and Councilman Cochran recommended that an agreement be signed that the College will be responsible for maintenance.

Ms. Stewart asked if Council had any updates on the process for the September 15th cook out for our Police, Fire and EMS departments in respect of 9-11. Councilwoman Cook informed that she had spoken with Dennis Hill and he has agreed to cook the meats. Council members are also asking their respective churches for food donations.



Mayors Report

I took this time to thank Ms. Kayla Elder with the Cherokee Tribune for her great article in the paper about the City rental space. The space was rented the day the article was published.

Council Remarks

Councilwoman Cook asked that code enforcement be contacted about excessive signs and cleanliness in different areas of the City.

Councilman Endicott requested to enact an ordinance that will prohibit the use of Jake brakes once the truck is inside City limits. He also requested that road signs be placed stating the use is prohibited. It was the consensus of Council for the City Attorney to write an ordinance for approval.

I would also like to share some items listed below with you that is taking place at Reinhardt University.

Reinhardt University's 2016-17 academic year kicked off Aug. 22 with students returning to classes. University President Dr. Kina Mallard began the year when faculty returned Aug. 15 with a State of the University address. For more, visit www.reinhardt.edu/sotu

Help support Reinhardt students this fall and enjoy outdoor exercise with the 2nd Annual 5K for ADay in downtown Canton's Cannon Park. For more information, visit 5KADay.Reinhardt.edu.

Reinhardt University has launched the Eagles Club, which helps provide student-athletes with resources they need to compete on the highest of levels. For more information, visit www.reinhardt.edu/eaglesclub

A well-known and well-loved professor of art for four decades passed away Aug. 7. Reinhardt University remembers Curtis Chapman. Visit www.reinhardt.edu/chapman

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones
Mayor
City of Waleska