



City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
January 2018

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

January 8, 2018 City Council Meeting was cancelled due to weather

January 22, 2018 City Council Meeting

Attorney Dana Thompson swore in 3 new council members. Lee Lamb, Post 6, Jon Costales, Post 1, and Paul Ice, Post 3.



Council Meetings are now being held at 6:30pm 1st and 3rd Mondays.

Tacie Jo Bracken – Welch, Walker & Associates came to present the Audit to Mayor and Council.

Ms. Bracken gave a presentation of the 2016-17 audit. She reported that this audit has been one of the best ones in years, and was excited about that. Her opinion of audit figures is that unmodified is the best opinion they can give and we received that this year. Our cash increased in both GF, Splost and Sanitation. The council has been good to adhere to the budget. We have a good amount built up for projects coming down the pike. GF and Splost had a positive change, GF \$8000, Splost also had a positive change just not as many projects going on last year. We had to do some reallocation in financial administration showing under budget over all of, \$25,000. WF/ Sanitation fund, increase in cash reserve due to rate increase and budget control, especially in sanitation fund it is now self supporting. Cash flow statement WF and Sanitation Net/Decrease we had an increase in cash both were positive numbers.

I am sad to report that Councilman "Hill" Cochran resigned from his seat on Friday January 19, 2018. Therefore, we will be holding an election for his seat. Qualifying will be March 5-7, 2018 from 8:30-4:30 at City Hall. Anyone interested may pick up a packet from the City Manager.

Requirements are:

1. Must be a resident of the City of Waleska for a minimum of 12 months
2. Must be a bona fide resident of the corporate limits of City of Waleska
3. Must be 18 years of age
4. Must have all taxes paid by them to the City of Waleska

Water System Report:

Jason Townsend reported that the water system was good, that we had some controls that froze in the bad weather but we were able to handle that with no problem. They are finishing up some projects so that they can start on Pleasant Arbor.

City Manager's Report

City Clerk/Manager Robyn Smith reported that the Community Dumpster was a great success. It was full by noon and they brought another one and it was full by 3:30. The next one will be in April. It was discussed with council about issuing work emails for them. Robyn Smith reported that she would not be at the next council meeting due to a clerk class she has to take.

Council Remarks

Councilwoman Lamb reported that the DDA committee went to a training Saturday, January 20th, and it was very informative. She asked about getting a crosswalk from Grady St to Fincher Rd, where people cross. Lamar Rogers with Turnipseed Engineers will be looking into that with DOT for us, along with getting street signs with a T.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones
Mayor
City of Waleska

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