



City of Waleska  
Mayor's Newsletter  
June 2016

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

### **June 6, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Public Hearing – FY 2016-17 Budget**

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that a mandated public hearing was being held for citizen comments concerning the 2017 Recommended Budget. Ms. Stewart asked if anyone was present that wished to speak for or against the budget. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was concluded.

#### **Citizens – Ms. Phoebe Maze**

Ms. Maze informed Council of her wishes for the use of her property located at the corner of Bartow Street, across from Reinhardt University. She asked if a possible variance could be granted in order for the owner to not be required to live on the property. City Attorney Dana Thompson informed that she would research this option. The topic of ADA requirements were also discussed and Ms. Thompson informed that the ADA requirements will need to be met. After further discussion, I stated that the remodeled home beautifies our City and we welcome the opportunity to work with them through this process.

#### **FY 2016-17 Budget Revision Review**

Ms. Stewart informed Council of the budget revisions in the General and Water Funds that were made due to the five (5%) salary increase for all employees. She further informed that preliminary tax digest figures were received and the digest has declined over \$200,000.00 dollars from last year. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have no increase in property taxes and to remain revenue neutral in setting the tax millage rate.

#### **City Manager's Report**

Ms. Stewart informed that some restructuring had been done in order for revenues to post to the appropriate funds. She further informed that bank draft payments needed to be split between three different funds which are water, general and sanitation. The bank can deposit the appropriate amounts in each fund from the drafts, if each account is at the same bank. The Sanitation Fund is at United Community Bank and the Water and General Fund are at State Bank. Ms. Stewart requested Council approval to move the Sanitation Fund to State Bank also, in order for the bank draft transactions to be posted to the correct accounts. City Council approved for the Sanitation Fund to be moved to State Bank.

## June 20, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### Citizens

Mr. Mike Waller addressed Council concerning water service on Pittman Lane. He requested the water line be extended to his property and also, expansion of the water line to a six inch in order to have a fire hydrant located near the home that he plans to build. Stanley Townsend informed that the City only plans to re-locate the existing two inch line. It would not be feasible to expand the line due to the cost. He further informed that the two inch line has sufficient PSI for additional growth. After further discussion, Mr. Waller was informed that the City is willing to extend the line to his property at no cost to the City. Mr. Waller will be required to pay for the installation cost of extending the line and the cost of a meter tap.

### Approval to Adopt FY 2016-17 Annual Budget

#### A. Resolution 2016-2

The FY 2016-17 Annual Budget was adopted by Resolution 2016-2. The City's new fiscal year will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> and go through June 30, 2017. If you would like to review the annual budget, it is posted on our city website on the Home page under the Quick Links section.

### Yard of the Month

A motion was made by Councilwoman Fournier to nominate 8762 Fincher Road for the Yard of the Month. This is the residence of Ms. Ruby Smith.



## Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed that Puckett Creek Road line re-location has been completed. He further informed that the County should start clearing and grading the edge of the road next week on Pittman Lane. Once this is underway, he will be able to start moving lines.

## City Manager's Report

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that at the auditors' request, depreciation had been booked for the year in the water department. This is the reason for the large variance in the 4440 department expenditures for the year. She further informed even with this large entry, the water fund is still showing a profit for the year. Also discussed, were budget amendments that are needed for FY 2015-16 before audit preparation. She informed that all June invoices would need to be paid first and felt that budget amendments should be ready for their approval at the July 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Please put on your calendars that the City will be holding another Community Clean Up Day on Thursday, July 21st from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A dumpster will be placed at City Hall for Citizens to bring household items for disposal, at no charge. **We will not accept: Tires, paint, oil, batteries, chemicals, freezers or AC units.**

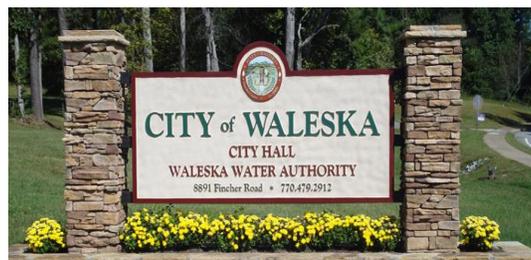
## Recycling

I would like to remind everyone about the Mayor's Recycling Challenge during the months of June and July. All the cities of Cherokee County will be competing to see which one can collect the most recycling. Please bring your recyclables to the bins located at the Waleska City Hall. Curbside recycling within city limits will also count. You can find a list of acceptable recyclables on our city website under the Sanitation tab on the Home page. The City of Waleska has won for the past four consecutive years so, please be part of helping us succeed again this year!



Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones  
Mayor  
City of Waleska



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