



City of Waleska  
Mayor's Newsletter  
March 2017

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

**March 6, 2017 City Council Meeting**

**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 were 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 Council and I 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.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The cost is \$7,500.00 and it will be moved from the contingency fund to other purchased services. The budget amendment was approved unanimously.

## **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.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

## **March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting**

### **Approval of Resolution for Cherokee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2016-2021**

Cherokee County has made some changes in the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2016-2021. The changes were submitted for approval by Resolution. The Plan update was approved by all members of Council.

### **Consideration to Approve Rezoning Application - 468 Bartow Street - Rob Schweiger**

Councilman Ice informed that this rezoning application was only to divide the lot for two residential homes to be built, not commercial. The rezoning request was approved by all members of Council.

### **Consideration to Approve Fee Schedule**

A Fee Schedule which sets cost of certain administrative fees and deposits was submitted for Council approval by Resolution. The Fee Schedule was approved by all members of Council.

## **Water System Report**

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council that we had received a quote from Pittsburgh Tank concerning some needed inspections and repairs. The quote was very reasonable however; we will need to complete the inside cleanout of each tank at separate times. The lump sum estimate for inspections of all three tanks was \$2,500.00 dollars and the repairs were \$750.00 per tank. With including one tank for inside cleanout and additional repairs that may be found as they inspect, we anticipate the cost to be approximately \$7,500.00 - \$10,000.00 dollars.

Mr. Townsend informed Council that the request for a water line extension to Pleasant Arbor Road, with approximately thirty residents to connect to City water is estimated at \$650,000.00 dollars. It is 2.9 miles which includes crossing a bridge and some rock to move. Mr. Larry Lewallen is a resident on Pleasant Arbor Road and has offered to install approximately 2,000 feet of the line beginning at Pleasant Arbor and extending to his home. City Council stated they would like to be able to extend the line because this request has been made previously. Mr. Townsend said there is possibly another route that can be taken to reduce the cost and he will prepare an estimate for the alternate route for Council decision.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that a Budget Schedule was included in their packet. She further informed that she will submit a preliminary budget to Council at the April 24<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Ms. Stewart informed that Mr. Townsend had completed the curb and gutter on Bartow Street.

Ms. Stewart informed County Manager Jerry Cooper had sent a letter inviting everyone to attend a SPLOST Kick-Off meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss sales tax collections, distribution of collections and possible projects for inclusion in a referendum to renew the current SPLOST program.

Ms. Stewart informed that a new rezoning application was distributed concerning Ms. Phoebe Maze request to rezone the property located at 423 Bartow Street. She is requesting that it be rezoned to GC (General Commercial). The Public Hearing and final approval will be on the April 10<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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

## **Reinhardt Partners with Churches for Easter Sunrise Service April 16**

Enjoy a sunrise service on the beautiful campus of Reinhardt University Easter Sunday, April 16, at 7 a.m., in the Gordy Dining Hall.

This community-wide worship service is sponsored by the Reinhardt Ministerial Association in cooperation with Waleska United Methodist Church, Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Red Sea Church and Heritage Baptist Fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

A pancake and egg breakfast will follow in the Gordy Dining Center on campus with donations being accepted for those wishing to contribute to the cost of the breakfast.

Additionally, an offering will be received for a local ministry.

## **Reinhardt University to Host Golf Tournaments for Scholarships**

Reinhardt University will host its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Dave Henritze Golf Classic May 2 at Capital City Club in Milton and the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual United Methodist Golf Outing at Bent Tree Golf Club in Jasper May 17. Both events raise money for student scholarships at Reinhardt University. For more information or to register, visit [www.reinhardt.edu/golfrsvp](http://www.reinhardt.edu/golfrsvp).

## **Northside Hospital Cherokee Helps Reinhardt University Launch Nursing Program**

Northside Hospital Cherokee, which opens a new hospital in Canton in May, recently gave \$500,000 to support Reinhardt University's School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Read more at [www.reinhardt.edu/northside](http://www.reinhardt.edu/northside).



**Northside Hospital Cherokee is continuing its longstanding support for Reinhardt University with a \$500,000 gift for the University's new School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Pictured in the Women's Center Atrium at the new Northside Hospital Cherokee are, from left: Mary Jane O'Dell, Education Coordinator for Northside Hospital Cherokee, Billy Hasty, Chair of the Reinhardt University Board of Trustees and a member of the Board of Directors of Northside Hospital Healthcare System, Billy Hayes, CEO of Northside Hospital Cherokee, Dr. Kina S. Mallard, President of Reinhardt University, and Dr. Glynis Blackard, Dean of Reinhardt's School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Photo by Darleen Prem**

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones  
Mayor  
City of Waleska

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