

City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
May 2016

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

May 2, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Ken Smith – Waleska Representative – Cherokee Planning & Zoning Commission

Mr. Smith informed Council that the Commission had not received any recent applications for the City of Waleska. He further informed at this time, most of the development was in the South and Southeast portion of Cherokee County. Councilwoman Cook asked the status of the development at the intersection of 108 and 20. Mr. Smith stated that the initial step was for a Bed and Breakfast and eventually a wedding chapel and amphitheater. There have also been some discussion of adding boutique shops. Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Smith for his service on the Commission and also for his attendance and report.

Consideration to Approve North Metro Agreement

City Council approved the North Metro Agreement to continue sanitation services for another two years with the same terms and conditions.

Consideration to Approve Sequoyah Regional Library System Agreement

City Council approved the Sequoyah Regional Library Agreement in order to continue an annual contribution to the library.

Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council there were several leaks in the system on Hwy 140. He further informed that all the asbestos lines needs to be replaced and the worst section is located at Lower Burris Road. The line replacement should start on the Canton side.

FY 2016-17 Budget Review

Ms. Lou Stewart reviewed with Mayor and Council the General Fund and Sanitation Fund Budgets for 2017. She gave an overview of the actual revenue and expenditures to date for 2016 for a comparison to the budget totals that were recommended for 2017.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

City Manager's Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that she had not been successful in receiving any other quotes for lighting of the City entrance signs. Only one quote was received and after further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to delay this project to a later time.

The speed bumps for Grady Street have been delivered and will be installed soon.

The Contractor, Engineer and Mr. Townsend met at Grady Street to compile a punch list of items that need to be finished before final payment is issued. As of now, most of these items have been completed by the Contractor.

Ms. Stewart requested consensus of Council to purchase a new cash drawer that will integrate with the accounting software. This will be more efficient and will be a better safeguard for payment transactions.

City Attorney Report

Ms. Dana Thompson informed Council there is now a new law that states a policy must be in place for municipalities that have Purchasing/Credit Cards for City Officials and employees. Each person assigned a purchasing/credit card must also sign an agreement of the terms for using these cards. Ms. Thompson distributed a draft of this policy and asked that everyone review for comments before the May 16th meeting, in which it will be placed on the agenda for approval.

May 16, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Consideration to Approve Purchasing/Credit Card Policy

The purchasing/credit card policy was approved and each staff and elected official that has a card must sign an agreement of the terms associated with using these cards.

Yard of the Month Nomination

Mayor Jones asked for a nomination for Yard of the Month. A nomination was made by Councilwoman Fournier for 438 Bartow Street, the residence of Ms. Sharon Romano.



Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council there were some small leaks in the system that needs repair but, nothing major. He will also be working on Pittman Lane to move the water lines due to the road being graded and resurfaced by Cherokee County.

FY 2016-17 Budget Review

Ms. Lou Stewart reviewed with Mayor and Council the Water Fund and SPLOST Fund Budgets for 2017. She gave an overview of the actual revenue and expenditures to date for 2016 for a comparison to the budget totals that were recommended for 2017. A public hearing on the budget will be on June 6th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with the budget adoption being placed on the June 20th agenda.

City Manager's Report

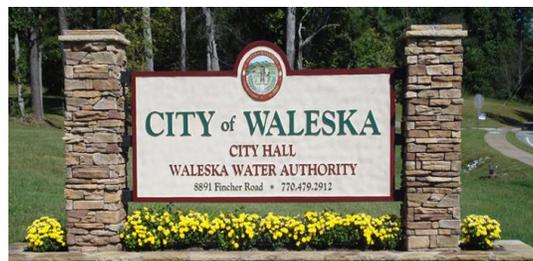
Ms. Stewart informed Council there have been several issues with the copier, and multiple maintenance request. She distributed a copy of an upgrade proposal on leasing a new machine which included trade in value of the one we own. The cost of the lease will be \$170.48 monthly for 48 months, which includes maintenance, parts and all supplies. The cost per page printed is also less expensive. Ms. Stewart asked for a consensus of Council to move forward. Council was in agreement to move forward with the lease.

Mayor's Report

City Council Members and I were invited on a tour of the new Northside Hospital on May 19th. We appreciate them taking the time to allow us to see this beautiful facility and all the many beneficial things that it will bring to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones
Mayor
City of Waleska



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