



City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
May 2017

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

May 8, 2017 City Council Meeting

Consideration to Approve Pet Shop Ordinance – First Reading

This ordinance is to prohibit “puppy and kitten mills” that are mass-breeding facilities that produce puppies and kittens with an emphasis on profit over welfare of the animal. This ordinance will not affect a consumer’s ability to obtain a dog or cat directly from a breed specific rescue organization or shelter, or from a breeder where consumers can see directly the conditions in which the animal is bred. The “pet shop” definition in this ordinance shall not include a private residence not generally open to the public, an animal control facility, a veterinarian’s office or animal rescue organizations. I asked for a motion to approve the First Reading of the Pet Shop Ordinance. A motion to approve was made by and approved by all members present. The second reading and final approval of this ordinance will be held at the May 22nd meeting.

Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council that Pittsburgh Tank was scheduled to be on site on Thursday, May 11th for water tank inspections and repairs.

FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget Review

City Manager Lou Stewart discussed with Mayor and Council the proposed budget for the General and Sanitation funds. The General Fund Budget is a total of \$181,300.00 and the Sanitation Fund budget is \$145,000.00. Councilwoman Lamb requested a revision to the General Fund budget to include an increase in the IGA payable to Sequoyah Library System from \$3,500.00 annually to \$4,000.00 annually. It was the consensus of Council to make the budget revision. Ms. Stewart informed that the Water and SPLOST fund budgets will be discussed at the May 22nd Council Meeting.

City Manager’s Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that she received a quote of \$1,391.00 from Dana Supply to have lights installed on the new vehicle that was purchased for the maintenance department. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the installation of the lights.

Ms. Stewart informed Council that Santek will be on the May 22nd agenda for Council approval to amend the Sanitation Agreement from Friday pickup to Thursday pickup. Santek will be sending out a letter/postcard along with attaching a flyer on each customer’s trash can lid. The City staff will also be adding a card in with the water bill notifying customers of the change in their pickup day. This change will become effective on June 8th.

May 22, 2017 City Council Meeting

Consideration to Approve Amendment to Santek Waste Services Agreement

This item was discussed at the last Council meeting concerning the change in the day that sanitation services will be collected. A motion to approve the amendment of the Santek Agreement was made and approved by all members present.

Consideration to Approve Pet Shop Ordinance – Second Reading

The second reading and final approval of the Pet Shop Ordinance was unanimously approved by all members present.

FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget Review

City Manager Lou Stewart discussed with Mayor and Council the proposed budget for the Water and SPLOST funds. The Water Fund Budget is a total of \$1,007,542.00 and the SPLOST Fund budget is \$427,000.00. Ms. Stewart informed that she had included a cash basis expenditure in the Water Fund in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Hwy 140 water line replacement project. After further discussion, there were no changes requested in the proposed budgets.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jones informed Council that her and Councilwoman Lamb attended Government Day with Leadership Cherokee on Friday, May 19th. They enjoyed their time spent answering questions concerning the City of Waleska.

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

Reinhardt University Graduates Largest Class in History

Under cloudy, drizzly skies, Reinhardt University conferred degrees for its largest graduating class in school history. More than 350 graduates celebrated their accomplishments at Ken White Field at University Stadium. Read more at Reinhardt.edu/classof2017.



Funk Heritage Center Offers Tours for Local Schools

More than 200 fourth-graders learned about Native Americans at the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt University Friday. Lead fourth-grade teacher for Little River Elementary School Dawn Urban said she had been to the Funk Heritage Center for the Georgia History Timeline in the fall with her previous second-grade classes and the students loved it. Now teaching fourth grade, Urban said the tour reinforces what the students have been learning this year. "This meets our standards. Our kids have been learning all of this since second grade. I think it is a great late spring field trip, and the kids really enjoy it. The volunteers here are phenomenal, they know their information and they interact well with the kids." For more information on the Funk Heritage Center, visit reinhardt.edu/funkheritage.



Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones
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