



City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
September 2016

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

September 12, 2016 City Council Meeting

Consideration to Approve Assignment of North Metro Waste Contract

Mr. Eric Kolb from Santek Waste Services and Mr. David Collie with North Metro were present to answer any questions concerning the sanitation contract. Mr. Kolb informed Mayor and Council that Santek has been in business since 1988 and will be purchasing the residential garbage service from North Metro. North Metro will continue to serve customers with roll-off containers. They will continue to furnish the recyclable container and four (4) free dumpsters annually for Community Clean Up Day. Santek has agreed to accept the City's current contract with North Metro with the same terms and conditions. The contract assignment is set for October 1st. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Fournier to assign the remainder of the North Metro contract term to Santek Waste Services, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Approval of Banner Maintenance Agreement

The Council approved an agreement for Reinhardt University to place 2' x 5' banners on twelve of the City street light poles. The Banners will have "Welcome to Waleska" with the City logo on one side and Reinhardt University on the other side with student photos. They will be placed on six poles on Reinhardt College Parkway and six poles located on Hwy 108. These will add beauty to our City and Reinhardt University. We thank Reinhardt for including us in this wonderful display of welcoming our visitors!

City Managers Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that the City was put on notice that we are under a Level 1 drought. The City is responsible to distribute information concerning the drought to all water customers. Ms. Stewart distributed information that will be inserted into the water bills and the information will also be posted on the City website.



City Attorney Report

City Attorney Dana Thompson distributed a draft ordinance concerning the use of truck Jake brakes. She asked that Council review and let her know of any revisions that they might have. This item will be placed on the September 26th Council Meeting agenda for approval.

Mayors Report

The City of Waleska has once again won the Recycling Award for the largest amount collected per capita! The recyclable collection for Waleska was a total of 118,340 lbs. which resulted in 141.95 lbs. per capita. Thank You, to all the Citizens of Waleska who recycle and makes achieving this award a great success.



The City Council and I also hosted a cook out on September 15th for all the Police, Fire and EMS employees in respect of 9-11. We appreciate all of these men and women who put their lives on the line each day for the safety and welfare of our citizens.



September 26, 2016 City Council Meeting

Approval of Jake Brake Ordinance – 1st Reading

City Attorney Dana Thompson distributed the final version of the Jake Brake Ordinance for Mayor and Council review. Councilwoman Lamb asked if adopted can it be enforced. Ms. Thompson informed that it could be enforced as any other ordinance. Signs prohibiting the use of Jake Brakes will be placed on Hwy 140. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with placing this ordinance on the October 3rd agenda for the 2nd reading and approval.

Water Report

Mr. Townsend was not present. City Manager Lou Stewart informed Mayor and Council that Mr. Townsend is still working on trying to find the water loss on the City of Canton side and will report any new findings at the October 3rd Council meeting.

City Manager Report

Lou Stewart informed Mayor and Council that Auditors will begin preliminary work on the 2015-16 audit on Wednesday, September 28th and will continue through Friday, September 30th. The full audit will begin the first week in October.

She also informed that the property tax digest had been received from the County and bills should be mailed out by the end of October and will be due by December 31st.

Council Remarks

Councilman Cochran informed that he had looked at the area where the crosswalk is located from Bartow Street across Reinhardt College Parkway. He feels there is enough room to relocate the crossing sign for more visibility. City Manager Lou Stewart informed that she will follow up on the placement of the sign.

Councilman Cochran informed that Council had discussed last year to have the Christmas lights installed earlier this year. They requested Ms. Stewart contact the contractor to have them installed the week of Thanksgiving.

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

Reinhardt University had its best 5K for *ADay* with about \$13,000 from combined runner participation, sponsorships and *ADay for Reinhardt* ribbons. The money goes to *the ADay for Reinhardt* fund, which gives scholarships to Cherokee County students attending Reinhardt University. For more information, see www.reinhardt.edu/5KforADay.

A new theater building is coming to Reinhardt and I was in attendance to witness the groundbreaking looking over Lake Mullenix on campus Sept. 20. The building, expected to be completed in the spring, will house Reinhardt University's Theatre Program. For more information, see www.reinhardt.edu/thrive.

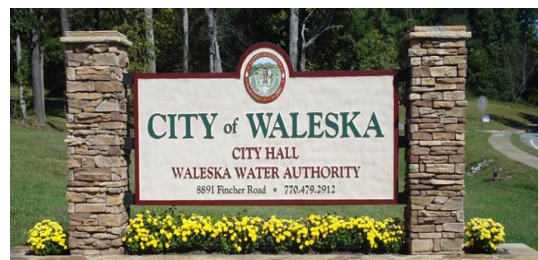


From left are: Senior Musical Theatre Major Sarah Williams, Theatre Program Director David Nisbet, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees Ken White, President Dr. Kina Mallard, Dr. Mark Roberts (Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs), Architect Garland Reynolds and Dr. Fred Tarrant (Dean of the School of Performing Arts).

Reinhardt University's new Community Gathering series is open to the public with events scheduled Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. The Oct. 19 event will feature Dr. Audrey Haynes, a UGA professor, who will speak on how media influences voters' behavior. Other upcoming events will feature RU alumna Sachi Koto, the first female Asian on-air talent in the Southeast, and Reinhardt's very own Rev. Ted Goshorn. For more information, visit www.reinhardt.edu/communitygathering.

Respectfully submitted,

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City of Waleska



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