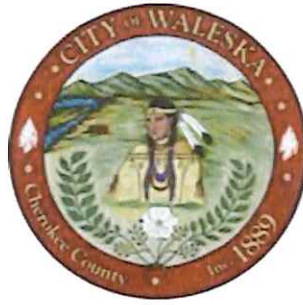




CITY OF WALESKA

Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council

July 28, 2026

Present:

Mary Helen Lamb – Mayor

Dennis Cochran – Pro Tem

Peter Brown – Councilmember

Lauren Garrett – City Clerk

Walt Cook – Councilmember

Michael Greene – Councilmember

Rachel Bemby (via telephone)

Absent:

Kristi Bosch – Councilmember

Eddie Blackwell – Councilmember

Brandon Bowen– City Attorney

Lamar Rogers – Engineer

Chris Lumpkin – Water Maintenance Manager

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

Item 2: Public Hearing #3 – 2026 Tax Digest and Proposed FY2027 Millage Rate

The Mayor opened the public hearing and invited comments from the public.

One resident, a new City resident since February, asked for an explanation of the proposed millage rate increase and how it was determined.

Mrs. Garrett contacted the City's Financial Consultant, Rachel Bembry, by telephone to provide an explanation. Mrs. Bembry explained that the proposed millage rate was calculated based on the City's budgeted expenditures needed to maintain current service levels, including administration, public works, streets, and other municipal operations. She stated that after accounting for all other anticipated revenues, the proposed millage rate of 3.12 mills was established to generate the property tax revenue necessary to fund the remaining budgeted expenses.

Councilmember Greene further explained that the City had not increased its millage rate in approximately ten years and that the increase was necessary to help fund ongoing City operations and water infrastructure improvements. She also advised that City property tax bills are issued annually in September 2026 and are due by December 2026.

No additional public comments were received. The Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 10:15 a.m.

Item 3: Consideration to Adopt the 2026 Tax Digest and FY2027 Millage Rate

A motion was made by Councilmember Cook to adopt the 2026 Tax Digest and FY2027 Millage Rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Greene. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned 10:18 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF August, 2026.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest

Lauren Garrett

Lauren Garrett, City Clerk