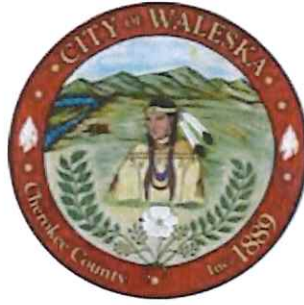




CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mary Helen Lamb – Mayor

Dennis Cochran – Pro Tem

Walt Cook – Councilmember

Eddie Blackwell – Councilmember

Peter Brown – Councilmember

Michael Greene – Councilmember

Kristi Bosch – Councilmember

Lauren Garrett – City Clerk

Brandon Bowen– City Attorney

Chris Lumpkin – Water Maintenance Manager

Absent:

Lamar Rogers – Engineer

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Item 2: Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was delivered, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Five-Minute Public Input

None.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 6, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to approve the minutes of July 6, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Public Hearing #2 – 2026 Tax Digest and Proposed FY2027 Millage Rate

The Mayor opened the second public hearing regarding the 2026 Tax Digest and proposed FY2027 Millage Rate.

No members of the public were present to speak.

With no public comments received, a motion was made by Councilmember Greene and seconded by Councilmember Brown to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing was closed.

Item 6: Water System Report

Chris Lumpkin reported that chlorine residual levels at the Burnt Mountain water tank were below the required minimum. The tank was immediately taken out of service, bypassed, and drained. American Tank Maintenance was contacted and scheduled to return to retreat the tank.

Council discussed a customer's unusually high-water usage associated with poultry operation. Mr. Lumpkin reported that he reviewed historical meter data, performed a data log review, and found no evidence of a meter malfunction. Council discussed possible causes, including increased water demand from the poultry operation or issues within the customer's private system. No action was taken.

Mr. Lumpkin reported that the water connection at Abbington Hall was completed successfully and passed inspection.

Sidewalk replacement associated with the water line project was discussed. Staff confirmed the project budget includes sidewalk restoration.

Mr. Lumpkin advised Council of two pending requests for additional water meters:

- 3353 Land Road (New construction)
- 13563 Fincher Road (additional meter requested for livestock use)

Staff provided an update on the Sardis Circle development, noting they are awaiting additional information from the City Engineer before proceeding.

Staff also reported that water service for 125 Sardis Road will be completed.

Item 7: City Clerk's Report

Mrs. Garrett updated Council regarding the request for streetlights on Darby Road. She reported speaking with Amicalola EMC, who advised that streetlights can be added where existing utility poles are located. Staff will determine which portions of Darby Road fall within the city limits before obtaining additional information and costs.

Mrs. Garrett informed Council that the first September Council meeting falls on Labor Day. Council discussed alternative meeting dates.

Following discussion, Council agreed to move September 7, 2026, Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

A motion to reschedule September 7, 2026, Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, September 8, 2026, was made by Councilmember Greene. It was seconded by Councilmember Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Garrett informed Council that a new Mexican restaurant will be opening in the former Butter and Milk restaurant building. She advised that the owners are remodeling the kitchen and discussed the business licensing process, including the required inspections before a business license can be issued.

Ms. Garrett reported that Dollar General has expressed interest in applying for an alcohol license to sell beer and wine. Staff will continue working through the licensing process in accordance with City ordinances.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Brandon Bowen reported that he had no formal items to present.

Council briefly discussed golf cart regulations. Mr. Bowen explained that Georgia law limits golf cart operation on public roads and noted that some municipalities may choose not to actively enforce those restrictions, but the City is still subject to state law. No action was taken.

Ms. Garrett asked for an update regarding the Deed of Dedication for the property being donated to the City. Mr. Bowen confirmed that the deed had been prepared but contained an incorrect

property owner's name. He stated that the document would be corrected, signed by the Mayor, and returned for completion.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

Mayor Lamb provided Council with information she had received regarding the proposed state roundabout project.

Item 10: Council Remarks

There were no additional Council remarks.

Item 11: Adjournment of Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell and seconded by Councilmember Greene to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 12: Enter Executive Session

The Mayor convened Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Item 13: Adjourn Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Greene and seconded by Councilmember Cochran to adjourn Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session concluded at 7:10 p.m.

Item 14: Enter regular Council Meeting

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m. No action was taken following Executive Session.

Item 15: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Greene and seconded by Councilmember Cochran to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF August, 2026.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest

Lauren Garrett

Lauren Garrett, City Clerk