



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2024**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Michael Greene, Councilmember
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Eddie Blackwell, Councilmember
Logan Patrick, Councilmember
Peter Brown, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
John Meier, City Attorney

Item 1: Call to Order
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Innovation
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

City Manager asked for a motion to add personnel to Executive Session
A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.

Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing

- Sheila Lummus and Harry & Jeanette Burger with Cantrell Lane came to see where we stand with this project. They did confirm that they could split the cost of the project. Tim Stancil stated that for 1300 ft for a 2" line the cost of the project would approximately be \$24,000. Attorney John Meier will run a title search on property first.

Item 4: Murphy CPA Group to Present Audit for 2023-2024

- Chris Hazzard presented Audit to Mayor and Council.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes with changes for June 17, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Yard of the Month

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve Ruby Smith for Yard of the Month. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present

Item 7: Water System Report

- Lamar received a quote from Abbington Hall to inspect the system. They should be paying for that. Cost is about \$3200. That's part of them upgrading the system. Environmental Mgt Services are interested in doing yearly maintenance.
- Bid opening for Lead and Copper on Thursday.
- Met with Robyn before the meeting to get SLRF and ARPA money correct.
- Councilmember Cochran mentioned that we needed to talk about water on July 4th. The tank went dry. The computer system that sends out alerts went down June 27th. Scada is to be out tomorrow to see what's happening. The computer is fried. He came and got a laptop from the city for a temporary fix. According to Jason Townsend if you don't get an alert that tells us something is wrong. There is miscommunication somewhere. The council requested that Lamar Rogers be given a password for Scada as well.
- The City Manager Robyn Smith asked for a motion to approve Townsend Pipeline for the quoted amount of \$10,000. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell, and approved by all members present.
- Councilmember Greene said please no more handshake deals.

Item 8: City Manager Report

- Tacie Bracken spoke to the council about looking at the way we allocate payroll. This stems from Water Fund loses, with the General Fund has cushion. The way the payroll is allocated is lopsided and allocate more to the General Fund. Chris Lumpkin would be Water Fund 50% and General Fund 50%, Patsy and Robyn would be 50% General Fund and 50% Water Fund, and Kelly stay at 50% Sanitation Fund and 50% Water Fund. Once Tacie sits down with the City Manager we will come back with a budget amendment.

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

- Reviewed outstanding projects.
- Asked if anyone has reached out to TIG homes to see if they are willing to annex into the city. The city manager will call TIG.

- Item 10: Mayor's Report**
- None
- Item 11: Council Remarks**
- None
- Item 12: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting**
- Item 13: Enter into Executive Session for Litigation/Personnel**
- Item 14: Adjourn Executive Session**
- Item 15: Enter into Regular Council Meeting**
- Item 16: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting**

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF July, 2024.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk