



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2024**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Peter Brown, Councilmember
Michael Greene, Councilmember
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Logan Patrick, Councilmember
Chris Lumpkin, Water Maintenance
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
John Meier, City Attorney

Absent: Eddie Blackwell, Councilmember
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

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

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb presented a Proclamation for Constitution Week September 17-23, 2024.

Item 3: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for August 19, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Public Hearing Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes for August 19, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Approve Resolution 2024-07 Millage Rate and Fire Tax
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 Millage Rate and Fire Tax rate. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Five Minute Public Hearing

- None

Item 7: Water System Report

- Chris met with Amicalola about setting up a power pole for the PRV. The cost is \$1500 to set a meter base and pole. They will also need to us to get an easement for that property
- Chris reported that in Silver Creek a customer is worried about a hole in the sidewalk, and we aren't sure what to do about it. The valve was put in before the sidewalk, when they put the sidewalk in, they just poured over it, so its lower than the sidewalk. Councilmember Cochran suggested putting a PVC pipe in and replace the cover.
- Chris reported that we had a service main leak on Fincher Rd. Due to the amount of water escaping Stanco went ahead and replaced the service
- Chris reported that we have some registers that need to be replaced, we have the registers. Clayton Elementary will be done this week. The reason for replacement is the batteries going bad.

Item 8: City Manager Report

- None.

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

- Update about the annexation – met with Mayor, Margaret Stallings, Catherine Long, and Thomas Trawick. Need to obtain the property owner's certification. If given, need to pay fees estimated to be \$600. They will manage the processes with Cherokee County, public notices, and signage on the property. A representative of the City of Waleska, as the applicant, will need to attend the public hearings. The property owner's certification needs to be submitted by September 20th to enable the signs to be ordered.
- Bryan Roach has been in contact regarding a lot that has a garage built on the property behind it on property owned by Peachtree Group Properties, LLC. He believes the lot owner is Jesse Blaylock. The garage area is in the city and the lot is in Cherokee County. The property owner of the lot appears to want to be annexed into Waleska. The owner of the lot where the garage is situated, is willing to go along with the annexation and conveyance to the lot owner.

Item 11: Mayor's Report

- None

Item 12: Council Remarks

- None

Item 13: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

Item 14: Enter into Executive Session for Personnel

Item 15: Adjourn Executive Session

- Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn executive session. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 16: Enter into Regular Council Meeting

- A motion was made by Councilmember Brown to offer Kimberlee Kirsch the position as the City Clerk/Manager position at \$55,000 salaried a year with comp time, probation period of 6 months from date of hire, complete City Clerk certification then pay will be raised to \$57,000 a year, Robyn Smith will send an offer letter, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 17: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF September, 2024.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk