



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2024**

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

Absent: Kristi Bosch, Councilmember

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

The City Manager asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move Five Minute Public Hearing before the Council Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.

Item 3: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 2024
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for May 6, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Review and Approve the Private Sewer Ownership and Maintenance Policy
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve and move forward with the Private Sewer Ownership and Maintenance Policy. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Review and Approve Water Line and Water Meter Easements/Acceptance Policy

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve and move forward with the Water Line and Water Meter Easements and Acceptance Policy. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to table this policy, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Review and Approve Water Withdrawal Application

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve and move forward with the Water Withdrawal Application. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Review and Approve Resolution 2024-02 for Procurement Requirements

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve and move forward with the Resolution 2024-02 Procurement Policy. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.

Item 8: Review and Approve Resolution 2024-03 policy for Local Small Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve and move forward with the Resolution 2024-03 policy for Local Small Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all members present.

Item 9: Review Resolution 2024-04 Local Drought Response and Water Waste Ordinance

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve and move forward with the 2024-04 Local Drought Response and Water Waste Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.

Item 10: Review and Approve Resolution 2024-05 Stormwater

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve and move forward with Resolution 2024-05 Stormwater. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 11: Review Line Ordinance

- The council reviewed it and it will be read at next meeting.

Item 12: Yard of the Month

- Councilmember Cochran made a motion for Trudy Moran to receive Yard of the month for June, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 13: Five Minute Public Hearing

- Ms. Doris King to talk to the council about a fire hydrant on Sardis Rd. The council explained to her that there must be a 6" line in order to have a fire hydrant, and we had explained that to the contractors before they built. The houses being built will not be tied into the 2' line at Sardis. Ms. King also reported a leak at Sardis Rd.
- Ms. Sherri Cantrell and Dale Davenport at 400 Lower Burris Rd approached to council because they don't like the service dates on the bill being 2 months in the arrears. Even though their usage is correct they think the service dates should be 30 days in the arrears. The council said they would investigate this and think about it.

Item 14: Water System Report

- Lamar Rogers reported that we need to set a date for the service inventory bids. Bids will be due July 11th at 3pm.
- Lamar stated that he might have a contractor interested in doing emergency services for our water system, and he would bring all the information to the next meeting.

Item 15: City Manager Report

- The City Manager asked the council if they remembered how much someone had to pay Mildred Darby to tie into her line on Ash Ridge Dr. No one knew so the city manager will call Ms. Darby
- The City Manager reported that the new pump was installed at Dry Pod Ln.
- The City Manager presented the FY Budget 2024-2025 to the mayor and council. It will be reviewed and approved on June 17th. City Manager suggested raising water rates, and that it was discussed about doing PTO instead of Vacation and Sick Leave. 3% raise was included but that is council's discretion.

Item 16: City Attorney's Report

- Attorney John Meier just reviewed all items that are still out there and not resolved.

Item 17: Mayor's Report

- None

Item 18: Council Remarks

- Councilmember Cochran asked that we call someone to go get pump station and bring it to city hall to store.

- There is property at Hickory Nut Dr that has been cleared, council wants city manager to check on it.

Item 19: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF June, 2024.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:
Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk