



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2021**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Paul Ice, Pro Tem
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Dennis Cochran, Councilmember
Vickie Boswell, Councilmember
Jon Costales, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
John Meier, City Attorney, by Zoom
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

Absent: Lee Lamb, Councilmember

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

Item 2: Pledge to the Flag
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Lamb asked to amend the agenda for Public Comment
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to amend the agenda for Public Comment. A motion was made by Councilmember Costales, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 3: Review and Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2021 Meeting
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2021 with the changes. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Tacie Ko Bracken of Welch, Walker & Associates will present the 2019-20 Audit

Mayor Lamb asked a motion to table Item #4 due to Ms. Bracken had an emergency. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Ms. Hinton to discuss possible "First Fridays" in the city

Ms. Hinton was suggesting that we do some kind of outreach to the public for First Fridays at the Pitchtree Café. There will be a praise band on the gazebo at their facility from 7-9pm, and no alcohol served. Council thought this was a great idea and Ms. Hinton will get back to the City Manager about food.

Item 6: Discussion and Approval of Pole Cat Winery

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to table until we have further information. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

Item 6A: Public Comment

Ms. Elizabeth Mazeika addressed the council with her concerns about recycling and trash.

- Every time the city offers recycling it gets taken away.
- Ms. Mazeika stated that she does her due diligence in recycling. She feels there is miscommunications about the contract. The Waste Pro contract says call the city, but when she calls the city, they say call Waste Pro.
- According to Ms. Mazeika the contract says recycling is a curiosity, and the cost of the service is less than we charge the customer. She wants to be able to trust and be sure it is clear in the agreement, and what we are saying is not misrepresentation. Her suggestion is to stop recycling and reduce the cost for customers for trash. She does not want to go somewhere else, but she will if needed.
- Ms. Mazeika asked if we have been holding people accountable for their recycling. She does not think drivers looking through recycle is too hard to do. She said it has been inconsistent with the trucks that come by as far as trash and recycling trucks.
- Mayor Lamb explained the difference in cost, that it is an administrative cost.
- Ms. Mazeika asked about adding a line item to bill with what Waste Pro charges and what we charge. City Manager Robyn Smith responded that we cannot do that due to it would confuse a lot of customers and no municipality does that.
- Attorney John Meier said the contract was presented in open meetings and public meetings, so the fact that it was not disclosed it not true, is the user being told about this, yes, it is on our website about meetings.
- In reference to the calls Mayor Lamb stated that we started taking calls, but they were so bad Waste Pro suggested they take them through their call center. We had 5 companies submit a bid, and Waste Pro was the only company that we did not have to increase the cost to customers.
- Attorney John Meier stated that efforts have been made by the city and Waste Pro to educate the customer about recycling. Ms. Mazeika said if its contamination then it should be left. 100% of all trucks that were at recycling center could not be accepted. Ms. Mazeika said are we talking with customers about their recycle contamination?

- Jerry Harrison with Waste Pro: He reported to city months ago that 60-70% of recycle bins are contaminated. He explained the process of what all is involved in recycle contamination, and the cost to them. Contract reads clean recycling and that is not what is happening. We did leave them if they were contaminated and after 3 weeks calls were horrible that is when he suggested Waste Pro take calls. He explained what he was finding in recycle bin. He came to city and told them what was going on it was taken to council and council decided to stop the recycling.
- Councilmember Costales stated that this was not decided in one meeting, this was thought through.
- Waste Pro offered to do a recycle truck once a month on Saturdays for recycling. It will be maned so that only recycling gets put in, and it will be for City of Waleska customers only.
- Ms. Mazeika asked about glass and Mr. Harrison said no glass will still be accepted.
- Ms. Mazeika mentioned keeping the recycle bin as a trash bin. Jerry asked if she would pay for recycling.... she said well the contract states that recycling is part of the contract.

Item 7: Water System Report

- Ashley Holcomb addressed the council about RM Moore. He had presented a letter to City Manager Robyn Smith to be signed stating that we offer water and sewer at 471 Grady St, where RM Moore resides. This letter is only for Rea Ventures Group to be able to submit to DCA. After much discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to sign the letter, a second was made by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.
- Hwy 140 is changed over all the way to Grady St at Subway.
- Stanley Townsend reported that on Tuesday 9-10 customers will be out of water.
- Mr. Townsend stated that mid-week UWS will be at 4 way and from there to Byars St. will be shut down for about an hour. Please let Fire Department and Waleska Methodist Church know.
- Mr. Townsend reported that on Ballfield Rd., someone had bought that land and wants to do a venue there and be annexed into the city. City Manager Robyn Smith told him they need to start at the county.
- Mr. Townsend asked about the meters to replace old meters, City Manager Robyn Smith stated that we had 192 and the rest were on back order, but she would check on them.

Item 8: City Manager Report

- City Manager reported that she had signed the agreement for GDOT to move forward on our flashing light project.
- City Manager reported that we still do not have the SDS map from Cherokee Co. She suggested to send an open records request.
- City Manger stated that she had a call about Fields McGhee requesting water, she told customer to get her a list of all customers that would want to tie in, and she would bring to council.

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

- Overlapping Water Service Area, it appears we have the updated maps for SDS.
- As far as the de annexation, Margaret Stallings wants to discuss with City of Waleska.

Item 10: Mayor's Report

- Mayor had calls on Good Friday about noise coming from Reinhardt. Their band was practicing.

Item 11: Council Remarks

No Report.

Item 12: Adjourn to Executive Session – Personnel

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to move into executive session. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 13: Adjourn Executive Session to Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Boswell, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.

Item 14: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF April, 2021.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk