



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2021**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Paul Ice, Pro Tem
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Lee Lamb, Councilmember
Dennis Cochran, Councilmember
Vickie Boswell, Councilmember
Jon Costales, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
John Meier, City Attorney, by Zoom
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
Margaret Stallings, Cherokee County Zoning

Absent: Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

- 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
- Item 3: Review and Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2021 Meeting**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2021. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.
- Item 4: Tacie Jo Bracken of Welch, Walker & Associates will present the 2019-20 Audit**
Ms. Bracken presented the 2019-20 Audit to Mayor and Council. She reported that write ups that have been in the past there are some that are falling off.
- Item 5: Approval of DE annexation for 10203 Fincher Rd, Mr. Puckett**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the deannexation for 10203 Fincher Rd. A motion was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb to not

approve the DE annexation, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Rectify the Approval of 2nd trash bin for \$8.00

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the \$8.00 charge for a 2nd trash bin. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Water System Report

- Lamar Rogers reported that he has gotten a quote from Crom Corporation to repair and paint the Hickory Log/McCoy Ground Storage tank. The quote was for \$44,950.00. After much discussion, council decided to table this until next meeting when Stanley Townsend is here. He stated if the tank is not visible, we might be able to just pressure wash and not paint. The ladder might be a good thing to do for safety reasons. The proposal is good for 90 days. Pittsburgh Tank has recently cleaned this tank.
- Lamar mentioned that there will be a webinar on Thursday with GMA about stimulus money, and it looked like the City of Waleska will be getting at least \$300,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act. First payment will be in May 2021.

Item 8: City Manager Report

- City Manager reported that she had heard from Dwayne Fowler at CCWSA and the relinquishing of Rampley Trail area was on their agenda for tonight.
- City Manager reported that Georgia Power had approached her about GA Power reading meters. She met with them and they will charge \$.99 cents a meter, and we can get new reads on customers every 4 hours, it sends an alarm immediately for leaks or no usage. They should be sending a quote and she will ask them to speak at a council meeting.
- Reminder of Last Friday this Friday at Pitchtree Café

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

On the Polecat Mountain Winery, the attorney asked where we were. City Manager reported that she has received an email from Linda Dunlavy asking where we stand. Attorney John Meier said that we need to send a letter to Ms. Dunlavy stating that we can provide the usage she has requested at this time. Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the letter to Ms. Dunlavy to let her know we can provide the water for the usage she has requested. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present. Attorney John Meier will submit the letter to her.

- The contract with Waste Pro was amended on 4/15/2021 and accepted by Waste Pro on 4/16/2021.

Item 10: Mayor's Report

Mayor reported that she and the City Manager met with Dr. Roberts with Reinhardt. He wanted to talk about 3 things

1. Flashing lights and where we are...City Manager had sent in the signed form on April 2nd, but it had to go to Atlanta for approval.
2. The plans for a round-a-bout, we had not received those. She told him that she is a visual person, and she would have to see it marked off.
3. He had a person that helps them do federal grants and had contacted him and that Osoff, Warnock, and Loudermilk get money to come back to them from the US budget. He contacted their office, and, in a week, they contacted him back and said yes that is true. This was on a Wednesday and they needed a proposal by Friday they would consider it. He sent it, but his contact told him he would have to incorporate the city. They would spend \$500,000 to upgrade their sewer system, that would be Phase 1. Phase 2 would be \$1.9 million to put in for the city of Waleska a sewer system.

Item 11: Council Remarks

Councilmember Cochran asked if we had heard back from Cherokee County about things, we asked for in the SDS, Mayor reported not at this time. He also asked about the parking on the street at Bartow, Mayor Lamb reported that we have signs up and she has not seen any parking lately.

Item 12: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

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

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF May, 2021.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:
Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk