



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 22, 2018**

**Present:** Doris Jones, Mayor  
Mary Helen Lamb Pro-Tem  
Paul Ice, Councilman  
Jon Costales, Councilman  
Lee Lamb, Councilman  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager  
Dana Thompson, City Attorney  
Jason Townsend, Townsend Pipeline  
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

**Absent:** Curtis Endicott, Councilman

**Item 1: Call to Order**

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

**Item 2: Pledge to the Flag**

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Jones.

**Item 3: Oath of Newly Elected Officials**

Attorney Dana Thompson swore in 3 new council members. Jon Costales, Post 1, Lee Lamb, Post 6, and Paul Ice, Post 3.

**Item 4: Consideration to Approve Ordinance to change time of Council Meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Ordinance to change the time of Council Meetings to 6:30 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lamb and seconded by Councilman Ice, and approved by all members present.

**Item 5: Consideration to Approve December 4, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the December 4, 2017 minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Ice, and approved by all members present.

**Item 6: Audit Presentation - Tacie Jo Bracken - Welch, Walker, & Associates**

Ms. Bracken gave a presentation of the 2016-17 audit. She reported that this audit has been one of the best ones in years, and was excited about that. Her opinion of audit figures is unmodified, the best opinion they can give. Our cash increased in both

GF, Splost and Sanitation. She commended the council for continuing to adhere to the budget and noted that the city has a good amount built up for upcoming projects. GF had a positive change, \$8000. Splost also had a positive change, mainly due to not as many projects going on last year. We had to do some reallocation in financial administration; the city was under budget over all by \$25,000. WF/ Sanitation fund, increase in cash reserve due to rate increase and budget control, especially in sanitation fund; it is now self-supporting. Cash flow statement WF and Sanitation Net/Decrease; we had an increase in cash both were positive numbers.

**Item 7: Consideration to Approve Committee, Boards & Authorities for 2018**

City Clerk/Manager Robyn Smith asked for an amendment to the agenda to table the Committee, Boards & Authorities for 2018. A motion to table this item was made by Councilman Ice, seconded by Councilman Costales, and approved by all members present.

**Item 8: Consideration to Approve Resolution 2018-01 Budget Amendment Exhibit A**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Budget Amendment, based mainly on the recent software purchase. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Ice, and approved by all members present.

**Item 9: Consideration to Approve the Call for an Election and to Approve the Resolution 2018-02 for Election**

City Manager Robyn Smith announced that Councilman Cochran has resigned his seat as of Friday January 19, 2018. Therefore, we will have an election for his seat. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Call for an Election and to approve the Resolution for 2018-02 for an Election. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Ice, seconded by Councilman Costales, and approved by all members present.

**Item 10 Water System Report**

Jason Townsend reported that the water system was good, that we had some controls that froze in the bad weather but were able to handle that with no problem. They are finishing up some projects so that they can start on Pleasant Arbor.

**Item 11: City Manager's Report**

City Clerk/Manager Robyn Smith reported that the Community Dumpster was a great success. It was full by noon and they brought another one, which was full by 3:30. The next one will be in April.

It was discussed with council about issuing work emails for them.

Robyn Smith reported that she would not be at the next council meeting due to a clerk class she has to take.

**Item 12: City Attorney's Report**

No report was given.

**Item 13: Mayor's Report**

No report was given.

**Item 14: Council Remarks**

Councilwoman Lamb reported that the DDA committee went to a training Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, and it was very informative. She also asked about getting a crosswalk from Grady St to Fincher Rd, where people cross. Lamar Rogers with Turnipseed Engineers will be looking into that with DOT for us, along with getting street signs with a T.

**Item 15: Adjournment**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session. A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Ice, and approved by all members present.

**Item 16: Executive Session**

**Item 17: Adjournment**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn executive session. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Ice, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2017.

Doris A. Jones  
Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk