



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 6, 2023**

**Present:** Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor  
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem  
Lee Lamb, Councilmember  
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember  
Jon Costales, Councilmember  
Vickie Lawson, Councilmember  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager  
John Meier, City Attorney  
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline  
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

**Item 3: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023**

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for January 23, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Costales and approved by all members present.

**Item 4: Jody Conley to ask for Farmers Market**

Ms. Conley reported that the farmers market will be May 4<sup>th</sup> – September 28, 2023. She has also requested a Porta John again this year.

**Item 5: Five Minute Public Hearing**

None

**Item 6: Water System Report**

- Lamar Rogers reported about the Salacoa Area. There are 166 meters, they use 27,000 gallons a day (5,000 per customer a month), there are 40 hydrants, and he has the asbuilts.
- They would not share the model, which is normal, but they did verify that it ran with the cities pressure.
- The city could tie in at Pleasant Arbor to supply lower area, but would have to buy from Pickens County for the other area.
- Council requested that the City Manager ask CCWSA for the Pickens County Water Agreement and the cost per thousand that Pickens County charges.
- Council asked the City Manager to ask for the work history for the last 2 years at Salacoa, maintenance and how much they flush per gallon. They also requested to find out how much water capacity we own from CCWSA, and how much can we buy.
- Stanley Townsend spoke that the city was not asking enough questions. He stated that CCWSA has 3-4 crews a day go for problems in that area. He said we are talking \$6,000-\$7,000 dollars a week to maintain the Salacoa area. He reported that they flush 20,000 gallons of water every 2 days that the city would have to pay for.
- Mayor Lamb asked Stanley about 188 McPherson, he stated that he would have to call the bore guy. City Manager stated that she has to deduct money from his account every month, and this month his bill was over \$200. She also asked about 471 Ore Mine Rd, and he stated he has not fixed it yet. There are 2 meters that are behind fences that need to be moved, Stanley wasn't aware of this and told City Manager to send him those addresses. They are 3920 Lower Burris Rd and 2934 Lower Burris Rd.

**Item 7: City Manager Report**

- City Manager reported that the contract with Waste Pro comes due in July. Did we want to renew or go out for bid? Waste Pro's monthly charge will increase from \$17.18 to \$20.18 per customer. They agreed to renew and will vote when contract is presented.
- City Manager gave council a report about vacation and sick leave. Robyn and Chris have a lot of time accrued that will never be taken. Councilmember Lee Lamb made a motion to pay out and catch them up, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Councilmember Bosch made a motion to change employee handbook to offer to cash out all but 40 hours on vacation, and 472 hours on sick leave, one time a year at their anniversary date, or lose those hours, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.
- At budget time we will revisit going to just PTO time.

**Item 8: City Attorney's Report**

- John Meier stated that he would like to hold a meeting with the Mayor, City Manager and anyone else about 830 Puckett Creek Rd. Stanley stated that Tom Higgins has an agreement with the City of Canton stating that he can connect to their sewer.
- John Meier talked about the annexation for the subdivision called FR Peachtree LLC, whether we want to add AG into our rezoning or just use R-80 or R-60. Councilmember Cochran made a motion to not bring AG into our rezoning, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.

**Item 9: Mayor's Report**

- Mayor reported that Ken Smith had moved and will not be on our Planning and Zoning board anymore, Richard Belote will take his place.

**Item 10: Council Remarks**

None.

**Item 11: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Lamb adjourned Regular Council meeting

APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2023.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk