



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2026**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem
Eddie Blackwell - Councilmember
Kristi Bosch - Councilmember
Michael Greene - Councilmember
Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager
Lamar Rogers - Engineer
Brandon Bowen - City Attorney

Absent: Peter Brown

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

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing
Mr. Davis who is the homeowner of 125 Sardis Rd. approached the council with a request to run a 2" line from Sardis Circle to his address on Sardis Road. The distance is between 250 feet to 300 feet. Councilmember Cochran agreed this would be a good idea. There is a 50-foot right-of-way on Sardis Road. A motion was made to get a quote for this job. Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Lumpkin will report back to the council as to the cost of this project. Councilmember Blackwell made a motion to approve getting a quote and installing a 2" to 3" line, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 5, 2025
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for January 5, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: 2970 Pleasant Arbor Rd. – Discussion

The homeowner of 2970 Pleasant Arbor Road reported the exact same usage on his water meter for November and December 2025. The homeowner stated he has turned his meter off and is using well water as of the end of October 2025. Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Lumpkin are in contact with Kendall Supply. Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Lumpkin will keep the city council updated as Kendall Supply provides more information and troubleshooting is done on their end. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene to refund the homeowner for the inaccurate usage, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Water System Report

- Mr. Rogers updated city council on the Highway 108 project. He submitted a change order upgrading the size line from a 6” to an 8”. The contractor should break ground within a month.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented a quote from GA Power to install a power pole at the Byrd Mtn. tank location for \$8,509.30. Mrs. Kirsch also presented a quote for \$2,037.00 to run power to all three water tanks. This will help prevent SCADA from freezing up in the winter and giving inaccurate reads on the tanks water levels. Councilmember Cochran made a motion to approve spending up to \$15,000.00 out of the SPLOST fund to run power and install heat trace to all three tanks SCADA systems. A motion was made to approve this expenditure by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 7: City Manager’s Report

- Mrs. Kirsch asked Mr. Lumpkin to discuss the bid he received for assistance installing the new City of Waleska signs. This bid came back at \$1,000.00 and included a separate fee for painting the posts. Mrs. Kirsch stated she did not want the posts painted but stained. A motion was made to approve the \$1,000.00 bid by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present.
- Mrs. Kirsch provided copies of the December 2025 Cash and Investment Balances along with the Income Statement. The City of Waleska’s financial statements continue to show positive trends.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented a quote from Ms. Cody, J.D., AICP, ICMA-CM that will revamp employee job descriptions, and includes a salary analysis for all positions within the city. The cost for this analysis will be \$2,000.00. Mrs. Kirsch would also like Ms. Cody to update the City’s Personnel Policy. That cost will be \$2,500.00. Mrs. Kirsch feels it is important that the City has a fresh start in these areas as the job descriptions and employee handbook have been edited over the years. This will ensure that the City is in line with state and federal laws and regulations. A motion was made to approve these two projects by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by

Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present. The council agreed these are very good ideas.

- Mrs. Kirsch informed the council that she will be bringing another quote from Ms. Cody in relation to an analysis of the city's water department. Mrs. Kirsch feels like the rates and fees should be looked at and compared to the purchase price with the City of Canton and CCWSA.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented several house plans for Darby Road and one for Smith Road. The council agreed these plans can proceed to Cherokee County for permitting.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report

- Mr. Bowen advised the council that he is working with Mr. Rogers in reference to the easements required for the Highway 108 project.
- Mr. Bowen let the council know he looks forward to meeting with the Planning and Zoning staff of Cherokee County on the 22nd of January.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

The mayor informed the council there will be a meeting at the library at Reinhardt University on the 4th of February with Commissioner Will Cagle from 6pm – 8pm. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Item 10: Council Remarks

Councilmember Cochran suggested starting the process of having three properties annexed to city limits. These three homes are off Highway 140 and receive full benefit from being inside the city such as sidewalks, streetlights, and the water system yet they do not pay city taxes. Mr. Bowen suggested establishing a policy that anyone that has the ability to annex and wishes to use the city's water must annex.

Item 15: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting – 7:23pm

A motion was made to adjourn the regular council meeting by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF February, 2026.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Kim Kirsch
Kim Kirsch, City Clerk