



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2016**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem
Edna Cook, Councilwoman
Curtis Endicott, Councilman
Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman
Paul Ice, Councilman
Will Tate, Attorney
Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

Absent: Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman

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: Consideration to Approve July 18, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the July 18, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Lease Agreement

Ms. Susan Worsley from North Georgia Angel House informed Council that they will be using the rental space for the girls to store and complete crafts. The crafts will then be taken to Marietta to sell in their Foster store. They make jewelry, pottery and paintings to sell; and they need more space. They have volunteers that work with the girls and they will not be left unattended. They use Kennesaw University intern students to help the girls with their arts and crafts and hope to appeal to the Reinhardt students to volunteer as well at their new location.

Item 5: Discussion of Ash Ridge Road Water Line Extension

Ms. Mildred Darby sent a letter of request to have the City water line extended to her residence at 163 Ash Ridge Road. Ms. Darby has agreed to pay for the extension of the line and a meter tap. She also included a petition signed by four other residents located on Ash Ridge Road and Ash Circle. After further discussion, Councilman Cochran made a motion with Ms. Darby agreeing to pay the cost; to move forward with the line extension, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Discussion to Set Millage Rate

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council she had received the tax digest totals that were going to be submitted to the Department of Revenue and they were unchanged from the preliminary ones therefore; the millage rate calculation to be revenue neutral needs to be 4.285. She further informed that the digest and five year tax levy must be run in the paper seven days prior to adoption. The millage rate adoption will be placed on the August 15, 2016 Council Meeting agenda. A motion was made to approve the advertisement to be run with the rate of 4.285 by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Water System Report

Stanley Townsend informed that the County has begun work on Pittman Lane and he should be able to begin moving water lines in approximately two weeks. He also informed that we had a difference of approximately three million gallons in the billing to Canton customers to the billing we received on usage from the City of Canton. After further discussion, it was determined to call the Georgia Rural Water Association to have them schedule a time to meet with Stanley to work on determining what the water loss issue might be.

Item 8: City Managers Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that all three SPLOST accounts had been closed that was approved at an earlier date and all documentation of the transfer of funds were included in their packet. She further informed that most June invoices had been paid and that budget amendments will be submitted at the August 15th Council Meeting with a budget report to support the requested amendments.

Item 9: City Attorney Report

No report given.

Item 10: Mayors Report

No report given.

Item 11: Council Remarks

Councilwoman Cook requested that everyone talk with the local Church's to see if they wanted to participate in helping with the September 15th cook-out for our Police, Fire and EMS departments in respect of 9-11.

Item 12: Executive Session

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:40 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and approved by all members present.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk