



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2016**

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

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 August 1, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the August 1, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Adoption of 2016 Millage Rate – Resolution 2016-3

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2016-3 to adopt the 2016 Millage Rate of 4.285. Councilwoman Lamb made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Yard of the Month

A nomination for Yard of the Month was made by Councilwoman Lamb for Reinhardt University. Mayor and Council agreed with this nomination.

Item 6: Water System Report

Stanley Townsend informed that a representative from Georgia Rural Water had met with him concerning the City of Canton water loss issue. He further informed that the representative agreed that water cannot be bought and sold through the same line. He was also in agreement that the best alternative at this time, is to set a new master meter at the end of the line to measure what we are purchasing. The cost of the meter will be approximately \$20,000.00 dollars. After further discussion, the consensus of Council was to move forward with the purchase of the meter. Mr. Townsend will also be meeting with an Engineer from the City of Canton next week to see if they can determine anything additional that could correct the issues.

Item 8: City Managers Report

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council that she had received the LMIG application to apply for funds for resurfacing of City streets. She further informed there is a match of ten to thirty percent needed by the City. With City streets being in good condition, it was the consensus of Council not to move forward with the application process.

Ms. Stewart informed that Reinhardt University had approached the Mayor concerning a joint purchase of banners to be placed on each street light pole. Each banner will have Welcome to Waleska with the City logo on one side and Reinhardt University with pictures of students on the other side. They will be 2" x 5" and mounted with brackets that attach around the poles. The City portion of the cost would be \$1,158.00. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council not to contribute to the purchase of the banners and Councilman Cochran recommended that an agreement be signed that the College will be responsible for maintenance. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook to approve the installation of the banners on City light poles with the signed agreement, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Ms. Stewart asked if Council had any updates on the process for the September 15th cook out for our Police, Fire and EMS departments in respect of 9-11. Councilwoman Cook informed that she had spoken with Dennis Hill and he has agreed to cook the meats. Council members are also asking their respective churches for food donations.

Item 9: City Attorney Report

No report given.

Item 10: Mayors Report

Mayor Jones took this time to thank Ms. Kayla Elder with the Cherokee Tribune for her great article in the paper about the City rental space. The space was rented the day the article was published.

Item 11: Council Remarks

Councilwoman Cook asked that code enforcement be contacted about excessive signs and cleanliness in different areas of the City.

Councilman Endicott requested to enact an ordinance that will prohibit the use of Jake brakes once the truck is inside City limits. He also requested that road signs be placed stating the use is prohibited. It was the consensus of Council for the City Attorney to write an ordinance for approval.

Item 12: Executive Session

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:38 p.m. 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 executive session and reconvene the Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Cochran 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