



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2016**

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

Absent: Edna Cook, 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: Election Certificate Presentations – R. M. Moore Elementary Students

Mayor Jones with the help of Lt. Ballard with the Waleska Precinct presented certificates to nine students that participated in a City Election at R. M. Moore Elementary School on January 29, 2016. A student from three different classes were elected to the position of Mayor, Council Member and Sheriff. The students elected from Mrs. Rogers' class were Jordan Strong-Mayor, Bree Wheeler-Council Member and Andrew Lathem-Sheriff. The students in Mrs. Hefner's class was Gracie Roach-Mayor, Hadlee Hutson-Council Member and Madison Thompson-Sheriff. Students elected in Mrs. Bennett's class were Cayden McClellan-Mayor, Nathan Williams-Council Member and Haley Reece-Sheriff. Mayor Jones and Council stated this was one of their favorite meetings of the year to be included in presenting these students their election certificates.

Item 4: Lease/Advertisement of City Rental Space

Councilwoman Fournier informed Council that she will be moving the Least of These Ministries from the City rental space at the end of February. She further informed that she will be joining efforts with Action Church to combine efforts however; she will still be working as Least of These Ministries but, in conjunction with other non-profits.

Council discussed and agreed to place a sign indicating this City space was vacant and the rent will be \$450.00 monthly, plus utilities. Councilwoman Lamb also requested that the advertisement state that a one (1) million dollar liability insurance policy must be obtained.

Item 5 Consideration to Approve January 25, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the January 25, 2016 minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 6 Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council that the water lines had been completed on Grady Street and the maintenance had also been completed on the Silver Creek Water Tank. He further informed that the concrete work was in progress on Grady Street and should be completed within a couple of weeks.

Item 7 City Managers Report

Ms. Lou Stewart informed that she had spoken with Georgia Power concerning the lighting of the City entrance signs. Three of the signs are within Georgia Power service area however; the one located on 108 towards Pickens County is Amicalola. The Georgia Power Engineer will be submitting an estimate of the cost to install power to the three signs. After further discussion, Councilman Cochran suggested that we consider contacting an electrician for a quote for comparison. Ms. Stewart stated that she will call for additional quotes.

Ms. Stewart also informed that she will now be posting agenda's and minutes on the website. There is also a calendar that will have City events posted on it as well.

Ms. Stewart informed Council that a Personal Financial Disclosure Report was included in their packet. This is one of the forms that must be submitted to the State Ethics Commission annually. The form must be completed after January 1 but before July 1, 2016.

Item 8 City Attorney Report

Will Tate updated Council on the Byars claim and the only change will be the section concerning the high water bill because it was not due to a leak but a misread meter.

Item 9 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jones informed that she and Lou had attended a Parks and Recreation meeting in Woodstock. This meeting was to discuss a ten (10) year master plan for all Cherokee County Parks.

Item 10 Council Remarks

Councilman Cochran stated that he liked receiving the minutes for review prior to receiving their packets.

Councilwoman Lamb reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 19th at the Methodist Church.

Councilman Cochran reminded everyone that it was time for an annual cookout for all the armed forces. After further discussion, it was determined to schedule this event in September.

Item 11 Executive Session – Personnel

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and re-convene the Council Meeting at 7:38 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk