



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2017**

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

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 3, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the July 3, 2017 minutes. A motion was made to approve by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Revised Zoning/Permitted Use Table

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the revised zoning/permitted use table. Councilwoman Lamb informed during Council's prior discussion, it was the consensus of Council if an event were to have more than fifty (50) guests, a variance approval will be required from City Council. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve Auditor Engagement Letter

City Manager Lou Stewart informed this was the same engagement letter that has been submitted in prior years to approve the auditor to begin audit procedures.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Auditor Engagement Letter. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Approval of Intergovernmental Sales Tax Agreement for SPLOST V

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

Item 7: Discussion to Set Millage Rate

City Manager Lou Stewart informed with the final property tax digest totals; to be revenue neutral in collections, the millage rate will need to be 4.22. This is a slight rollback from last year at 4.285 because the digest increase approximately \$100,000.00 dollars. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with advertising the five (5) year levy with the millage rate of 4.22. The millage rate will be adopted at the August 7th Council Meeting.

Item 8: Water System Report

No report was given.

Item 9: City Manager's Report

Ms. Stewart informed that the bank balances included in the packet are audited balances as of June 30th. She further informed there will be more June invoices that will need to be paid therefore; the balances will change some for the final June 30th financial statement.

Item 10: City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

Item 11: Mayor's Report

No report was given.

Item 12: Council Remarks

No report was given.

Item 13: Executive Session – Personnel

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

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

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

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.