



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 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
Will Tate, Attorney
Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager

Absent: 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: Citizens

Ms. Marcine Johnson was not present for presentation.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve July 11, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the July 11, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Fournier, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve Auditor Engagement Letter

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the auditor engagement letter to begin the 2015-16 audit. Councilwoman Lamb noted there was an increase in cost from last

year. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Yard of the Month

A nomination for Yard of the Month was made by Councilwoman Cook for 336 Grady Street which is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Robertson. Mayor and Council agreed with this nomination.

Item 7: Water System Report

No report given.

Item 8: City Managers Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that she has received the final digest totals to use in the millage rate calculation and would be submitting this information on the August 1st agenda. With the mandated advertisement of the five year levy the millage rate adoption will be on the August 15th agenda.

Item 9: City Attorney Report

Ms. Thompson informed Council that she will not be able to attend the August 1st meeting and Attorney Will Tate from her firm will be covering that meeting in her absence.

Item 10: Mayors Report

No report given.

Item 11: Council Remarks

Councilwoman Lamb requested that Council approve a city issued cell phone for City Manager Lou Stewart and Water Clerk Robyn Smith. Ms. Stewart informed this will be an annual cost of \$1,080.00 for the joint plan and a budget amendment would be needed to cover this expenditure. Councilwoman Lamb made a motion to approve the purchase and amend the budget for this expense, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Councilman Ice questioned if we had any interest in the rental space. Ms. Stewart informed that we had but, all inquiries were interested in residential use. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to run an ad in the classified section of the paper for two weeks.

Councilwoman Cook also asked that we discuss and set a date in September to have the annual cook out for the Police, Fire and EMS personnel in respect of 911. After further discussion, it was determined to schedule the event on Thursday, September 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room at Waleska Fire Department.

Item 12: Executive Session

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:20 p.m. 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 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 the Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk