



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 19, 2017**

**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

**Not Present:** 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: Water Rate Study – Chris Poje, PE – G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers**

Mr. Poje discussed the 2015-16 Audited Budget Expenses for the Water Fund in order to show the reasoning for the rate increases that were discussed. He informed Council that revenues collected only covered eight-three percent (83%) of expenses for the 15-16 fiscal year. The water rate study presented two rate increase options for consideration. Each option was approximately a twenty percent (20%) increase in residential, commercial and industrial rates. There will be further discussion concerning the rate increases before any decisions are made.

**Item 4: Consideration to Approve June 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes**

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

**Item 5: Consideration to Approve Intergovernmental Sales Tax Agreement for SPLOST V between Cherokee County and the City of Waleska**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the IGA for the 2018 SPLOST V. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

**Item 6: Appointment of Waleska Representative for Sequoyah Library Board**

Councilwoman Lamb requested that Ms. Janet Belote be appointed as the new Waleska representative for the Sequoyah Library Board. Ms. Belote will be replacing Ms. Lamb's position on the Board. Ms. Lamb thanked everyone for appointing her to the Board and stated she enjoyed her term representing Waleska. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Belote. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and approved by all members present.

**Item 7: FY 2017-18 Budget Approval**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the FY 2017-18 Budget. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

**Item 8: Water System Report**

No report was given due to Mr. Townsend not being present because of difficulties at one of our water tanks.

**Item 9: City Manager's Report**

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council that Personal Financial Disclosures were due before July 1 unless, this was your election year. If it is your election year, you must complete the report no later than fifteen (15) days after qualifying as a candidate for re-election.

Ms. Stewart informed Council that in speaking with County Manager Jerry Cooper, the Fire Tax will need to be added to the City's property tax bill. She further informed that the County has been collecting this tax for Waleska and the County auditors have requested that the tax be collected by the City of Waleska and then paid to the County per the terms of the Fire Tax Agreement. Mr. Cooper will send the Fire Tax Agreement for Council approval.

**Item 10: City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Dana Thompson informed Council that she drafted the requirements for a Bed and Breakfast Ordinance along with a revised permitted use table. She also updated Waleska's Cell Tower Ordinance. She requested that Mayor and Council review these documents and let her know if they would like any changes. A Public Hearing has been advertised and will be held at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting.

**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 Endicott, 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 Cook and approved by all members present.

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

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

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Lou Stewart, City Clerk