



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 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
John Meier, 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 March 6, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the March 6, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Fournier, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Approval of Resolution for Cherokee County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2016-2021

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve Rezoning Application - 468 Bartow Street - Rob Schweiger

Councilman Ice informed that this rezoning was only to divide the lot in order for two residential homes to be build, not commercial. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Consideration to Approve Fee Schedule

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Fee Schedule which sets cost of certain administrative fees and deposits. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council that we had received a quote from Pittsburgh Tank concerning some needed inspections and repairs. The quote was very reasonable however; we will need to complete the inside cleanout of each tank at separate times. The lump sum estimate for inspections of all three tanks was \$2,500.00 dollars and the repairs were \$750.00 per tank. With including one tank for inside cleanout and additional repairs that may be found as they inspect, we anticipate the cost to be approximately \$7,500.00 - \$10,000.00 dollars.

Mr. Townsend informed Council that the request for a water line extension to Pleasant Arbor Road, with approximately thirty residents to connect to City water is estimated at \$650,000.00 dollars. It is 2.9 miles which includes crossing a bridge and some rock to go through. Mr. Larry Lewallen is a resident on Pleasant Arbor Road and has offered to install approximately 2,000 feet of the line beginning at Pleasant Arbor and extending to his home. City Council stated they would like to be able to extend the line because this request has been made previously. Mr. Townsend said there is possibly another route that can be taken to reduce the cost and he will prepare an estimate for the alternate route for Council decision.

Item 8: City Manager's Report

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that a Budget Schedule was included in their packet. She further informed that she will submit a preliminary budget at the April 24th Council Meeting.

Ms. Stewart informed that Mr. Townsend had completed the curb and gutter on Bartow Street.

Ms. Stewart informed that County Manager Jerry Cooper had sent a letter inviting everyone to attend a SPLOST Kick-Off meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss sales tax collections, distribution of collections and possible projects for inclusion in a referendum to renew the current SPLOST program.

Ms. Stewart informed that a new rezoning application was distributed concerning Ms. Phoebe Maze for the property located at 423 Bartow Street. She is requesting that it

be rezoned to GC (General Commercial). The Public Hearing and final approval will be on the April 10th agenda.

Item 9: City Attorney’s Report

No report was given.

Item 10: Mayor’s Report

No report was given.

Item 11: Council Remarks

No remarks.

Item 12: Executive Session – Personnel and Real Estate

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 Council Meeting at 7:55 p.m. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

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

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk