



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2016**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem
Edna Cook, Councilwoman
Paul Ice, Councilman
Curtis Endicott, Councilman
Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman
Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman
Dana Thompson, 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 7, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the March 7, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Water System Report:

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council that he had repaired two water leaks last week. He further informed that due to the age of the infrastructure that he would like for Council to consider budgeting for replacement of some of the water lines during the budget discussion process.

Item 5: City Managers Report:

Ms. Lou Stewart informed Council that Jason Townsend completed the meter readings and had taken the readings from the Cherokee and Canton meters. The total amount billed compared to the total purchased was at eighty-six percent (86%). Jason will continue to read the Cherokee and Canton meters at the end of each reading cycle to continue our water loss monitoring.

Ms. Stewart informed Council that only one quote had been received from an electrician concerning lighting of the four (4) City entrance signs. She further informed that she had spoken with Amicalola Electric about the sign on Hwy 108 that was in their service area. They stated there will be a charge of \$1,500.00 dollars for a transformer to be located on the power pole and the cost of the meter base. After further discussion, it was determined to wait on the other electrical quote before moving forward.

Ms. Stewart informed Council she had included a FY 2016 Budget Calendar for their information concerning meeting dates, advertisements and other items.

Ms. Stewart informed that a copy of the City credit card statement was included in their packet for review.

Ms. Stewart informed that Council had requested that she research speed bumps for Grady Street. She included two quotes, one for the same style that already existed on Grady Street and one that was larger in size. After further discussion, Councilwoman Cook made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the speed bump that is like the ones that are existing now, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Ms. Stewart stated that she contacted North Metro concerning placing a dumpster at City Hall for Community Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 23rd. She also informed that North Metro's contract with the City for sanitation services will expire on June 30th and renewal must be submitted thirty (30) days prior. The contract states that the City can renew under the same terms for a one or two year period. After further discussion, Council agreed that the contract should be renewed for another two (2) years.

Ms. Stewart informed that one of the FY 2015 Audit Comments was concerning utility accounts that did not have a deposit. She stated that she is planning on sending out a letter asking for payment from each account holder without a deposit. A copy of the ordinance section that defines account deposits will also be included.

Ms. Stewart stated that each year the City pays a \$3,500.00 annual fee to the library. The City wants to continue this relationship with the library however; to be compliant we need a signed agreement/contract with the library. Ms. Stewart informed that she will contact the library to ask for an agreement, send to the City Attorney for review and bring before Council for approval.

Ms. Stewart submitted a budget report of year-to-date revenue and expenditures for Council review. She explained some reallocations that were completed in various expenditure departments and she will be bringing some budget amendments before Council for approval before year end.

Item 6: City Attorney Report:

No report was given.

Item 7: Mayor's Report:

Mayor Jones informed Council that the GMA Spring Listening Session will be held in Ball Ground and she would like for all of Council to participate if possible. She also informed that Ms. Holly Padgett contacted her and asked that Council meet at Northside Hospital on May 19th at 4:00 p.m. for a tour of the facility. Mayor Jones informed Council that the farmers market at Reinhardt University will be open in May.

Item 8: Council Remarks:

Councilman Cochran informed that the City needed to divert the water from Ms. Jackson's property located behind City Hall. Mayor Jones stated that she had spoken with Ms. Jackson about the repairs needed and Stanley Townsend has been asked to work on correcting the drainage issue. It was also discussed that North Metro had once expressed interest in paving a concrete pad for the recyclable dumpster behind City Hall. Council asked Ms. Stewart to speak with North Metro to see if this was still an option.

Councilwoman Cook informed that she had citizens tell her they liked the new layout of the newsletter.

Councilwoman Lamb informed that rabies shots will be given at R. M. Moore Elementary School on April 16th at 9:00 a.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per animal.

Councilwoman Fournier asked that the Council start Yard of the Month awards again in April.

Item 9: Executive Session – Personnel

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session. 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 the executive session and reconvene the Council Meeting. 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 the Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk