



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2016**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem
Paul Ice, Councilman
Curtis Endicott, Councilman
Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman
Will Tate, City Attorney
Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager

Absent: Edna Cook, Councilwoman
Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman
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 February 22, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the February 22, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Discussion of Committees, Boards and Authorities

Attorney Will Tate informed Council that the list of members were appointed in 2015 and any changes made will need to be approved for 2016. Councilwoman Lamb informed that Rick Whiteside was listed as the Planning and Zoning Board Member and requested that the name be corrected to the current member Ken Smith. Mayor Jones asked that Mr. Smith be contacted and asked to please attend a Council Meeting quarterly to give Council a report on Planning & Zoning information. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the list of Committees, Boards and Authorities for 2016.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Water System Report

No report was given.

Item 6: City Managers Report

Ms. Stewart informed that Georgia Power is willing to extend their service line as close as possible to the City entrance signs at no cost to the City. She further informed that she had contacted two electricians to submit a quote to run the lines and set meter bases. Once these quotes are received and Council approves to move forward, permits will need to be acquired from DOT for installation in their right-of-way.

Ms. Stewart informed that Georgia Power will begin the change out of the Roadway Lighting to LED. They will begin this process in April.

Councilwoman Lamb had requested that the City participate in Georgia Cities Week, which is scheduled for April 17-23, 2016. This week has been set aside to recognize the services City governments provide and their contribution to a better quality of life in Georgia. During this week the City will sponsor a Community Clean Up Day and will place a dumpster at City Hall on April 23rd for citizens to bring household items for disposal at no charge. A notice will be posted on the City website and water bills. Councilwoman Lamb also requested that Ms. Stewart ask Northside Pharmacy to post the information on their sign.

Ms. Stewart informed Council that she had contacted DOT concerning the completion of the storm water drain located at the corner of Hwy 108 and Grady Street. DOT is reviewing information submitted and should have a response soon. Ms. Stewart further informed there are supplemental funds that the City can apply for, with a thirty (30%) match to complete projects that are transportation safety related.

Item 7: City Attorney Report

No report was given.

Item 8: Mayor's Report

No report was given.

Item 9: Council Remarks

Councilwoman Lamb informed Council that if anyone wanted to volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt, she would appreciate their help.

Mayor and Council were pleased to have Boy Scout Troop 4056 present at the meeting. Boy Scouts Sam Vester, Oliver Mullen and Daniel Green were in attendance to receive their Citizens Involvement Badge. Their Troop Leader Jeremy Vester was also present.

Item 10: Executive Session – Personnel

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:15 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 at 7:25 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

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

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk