



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2016**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem
Edna Cook, Councilwoman
Curtis Endicott, Councilman
Paul Ice, Councilman
Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman
Dana Thompson, City Attorney
Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

Absent: Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman

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: Mr. Ken Smith - Waleska Representative - Cherokee Planning & Zoning Commission

Mr. Smith informed Council that the Commission had not received any recent applications for the City of Waleska. He further informed at this time, most of the development was in the South and Southeast portion of Cherokee County. Councilwoman Cook asked the status of the development at the intersection of 108 and 20. Mr. Smith stated that the initial step was for a Bed and Breakfast and eventually a wedding chapel and amphitheater. There have also been some discussion of adding boutique shops. Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Smith for his service on the Commission and also for his attendance and report.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve April 18, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the April 18, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve North Metro Agreement

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the North Metro Agreement. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Consideration to Approve Sequoyah Regional Library System Agreement

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Sequoyah Regional Library System Agreement. 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 there were several leaks in the system on Hwy 140. He further informed that all the asbestos lines needs to be replaced and the worst section is located at Lower Burris Road. The line replacement should start on the Canton side.

Item 8: FY 2016-17 Budget Review

Ms. Lou Stewart reviewed with Mayor and Council the General Fund and Sanitation Fund Budgets for 2017. She gave an overview of the actual revenue and expenditures to date for 2016 for a comparison to the budget totals that were recommended for 2017. The Water and SPLOST IV Funds will be reviewed and discussed at the May 16th Council Meeting.

Item 9: City Manager's Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that she had not been successful in receiving any other quotes for lighting of the City entrance signs. Only one quote was received and after further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to delay this project to a later time.

The speed bumps for Grady Street are to be delivered tomorrow.

The Contractor, Engineer and Mr. Townsend met at Grady Street to compile a punch list of items that need to be finished before final payment is issued. Most of these items have been completed by the Contractor.

Ms. Stewart requested consensus of Council to purchase a new cash drawer that will integrate with the accounting software. This will be more efficient and will be a better safeguard for payment transactions.

Item 10: City Attorney Report

Ms. Dana Thompson informed Council there is now a new law that states a policy must be in place for municipalities that have Purchasing/Credit Cards for City Officials and employees. Each person assigned a purchasing/credit card must also sign an agreement of the terms for using these cards. Ms. Thompson distributed a draft of this policy and asked that everyone review for comments before the May 16th meeting, in which it will be placed on the agenda for approval.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

No report.

Item 10: Council Remarks

No report.

Item 11: Executive Session:

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 8:20 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, 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 Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Cochran, 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/Manager