



CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2026

Present:

Mary Helen Lamb – Mayor

Dennis Cochran – Pro Tem

Kristi Bosch – Councilmember

Michael Greene – Councilmember

Walt Cook - Councilmember

Lauren Garrett – City Clerk

Lamar Rogers – Engineer

Brandon Bowen – City Attorney

Chris Lumpkin – Water Maintenance Manager

Absent:

Eddie Blackwell – Councilmember

Peter Brown – Councilmember

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mayor Lamb led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Greene delivered the invocation.

Item 3: Five Minute Public Input

Mr. Carl Hawthorne addressed Council regarding a potential water line extension along Reinhardt College Parkway to Little Refuge Road to provide water service to property adjacent to Lake Arrowhead.

Mr. Hawthorne explained that the property owner is interested in selling the property but currently does not have access to municipal water service. Cherokee County Water and Sewer Authority and Lake Arrowhead representatives have discussed the possibility of participating in the project.

Council discussed the project, including potential infrastructure needs, costs, and long-term planning considerations. No action was taken.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2026

Council reviewed the February 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Greene made a motion to approve the minutes pending corrections including updating the City Attorney name, correcting grammar in Item 8, and adding the Executive Session entry. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve Special Called Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2026

Council reviewed the February 26, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Greene made a motion to approve the minutes pending corrections including updating the City Attorneys name and adding Councilmember Walt who was omitted from the attendance record. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran and passed unanimously.

Item 6: Cross-Connection Ordinance / Policy – Water System – Second Reading

Discussion was held regarding the Cross-Connection Ordinance/Policy. Councilmember Greene suggested to table the item for further review.

Item 7: Water System Report

City Engineer Lamar Rogers provided updates regarding water system operations and upcoming project work.

Councilmember Greene made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts pending review and approval by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion included inspection of the Dixon Road water line, recent repairs to a service line leak, and installation of City limit signs on Darby Road.

Item 8: City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Lauren Garrett presented residential building plans submitted by a resident requesting approval to purchase a water meter for Lot 47 in Hawks Crest Subdivision located at 1975 Darby Road.

Council reviewed the plans as part of the City's process to ensure water availability prior to construction.

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Brandon Bowen provided updates and legal guidance to Council. Draft ordinances are currently being prepared and are expected to be presented at the next regular council meeting.

Item 10: Mayor's Report

Mayor Lamb provided updates regarding City business including work completed by Mandi Cody with Momentum Results, VC3 technology services updates, and preparation of City employee job descriptions and personnel policies.

A motion was made by Councilmember Green and seconded by Councilmember Bosch to authorize the Mayor to proceed with a fraud protection program through United Community Bank at a cost of approximately \$8 per month. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11: Council Remarks

Members of Council provided comments and updates regarding City matters.

Item 12: Enter Executive Session – Personnel

A motion was made by Councilmember Green and seconded by Councilmember Bosch to enter Executive Session for personnel matters at approximately 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Item 13: Adjourn Executive Session / Re-enter Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Green and seconded by Councilmember Cochran to exit Executive Session and re-enter the Regular Council Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Item 14: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF March, 2026.



Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest



Lauren Garrett, City Clerk