

CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2026

Present:

Mary Helen Lamb – Mayor

Dennis Cochran – Pro Tem

Michael Greene – Councilmember

Walt Cook – Councilmember

Eddie Blackwell – Councilmember

Peter Brown – Councilmember

Kristi Bosch – Councilmember

Lauren Garrett – City Clerk

Kathryn Hurley – Associate Attorney Representing the City Attorney

Lamar Rogers – Engineer

Chris Lumpkin – Water Maintenance Manager

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: Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was delivered, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Five Minute Public Input

A resident from Dixon Road requested assistance extending a city water line approximately 1,100 feet to provide reliable water service for his property and his mother's residence. Council discussed water line extension policies, fiber optic conflicts, and meter requirements. Staff will review measurements and feasible options.

Jedediah Green offered to donate a 30-foot strip of land to the City to establish a legal city street on Hawking Drive, which would prevent multiple properties from becoming landlocked. Councilmember Blackwell moved to accept the donation, Councilmember Cochran seconded the motion, and the Council approved it unanimously.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes May 4, 2026

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2026. Councilmember Cochran seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: New Business

a. Consideration of Sign Permit Application for 6497 Reinhardt College Parkway

Council reviewed a sign permit application for a grading company at 6497 Reinhardt College Parkway. Discussion centered on the property's commercial use and compliance with ordinances. The sign met ordinance requirements.

Item 6: Water System Report

Staff reported the High Point Subdivision project, now renamed Sky Haven Subdivision, is moving forward and requested city signatures for EPD water extension documents. Concerns were raised regarding water pressure, sewer service coordination with Canton, and intergovernmental agreements.

Updates were provided on ongoing utility work, driveway restoration, and agreements with the fire department regarding access during construction.

Discussion continued regarding Geneva Road water service extensions and options for new meter connections.

American Tank Maintenance is preparing to repaint the Byrd Mountain tank. Staff also completed the first successful read using the city's new water software system.

A power issue at the pump station required a new transformer but was resolved without major interruption.

Item 7: City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk reported a phishing-related fraud incident involving a compromised city email and vendor payments. Investigations are ongoing with law enforcement and the bank. As a result, the city is implementing stricter payment controls, including discontinuing ACH payments, and using Positive Pay verification.

Positive updates included seasonal landscaping improvements around the city and onboarding of the new accounts payable employee.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report

The city attorney discussed drafting updated ordinances for golf carts and personal transportation vehicles. State law limits municipal authority over side-by-sides and multipurpose off-highway vehicles, but revisions may allow golf carts to cross municipal streets under certain conditions.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

The mayor requested research into improving lighting for city entrance signs.

Council briefly discussed construction work hour ordinances and confirmed city rules limiting weekend construction activity except for emergencies.

Item 10: Council Remarks


None.

Item 11: Adjournment of Regular Council Meeting

Councilmember Green made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting. Council member Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

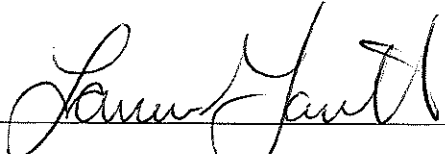
Council adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2026.



Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest



Lauren Garrett, City Clerk