



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2016**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem
Edna Cook, Councilwoman
Paul Ice, Councilman
Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman
Curtis Endicott, Councilman
Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman
Dana Thompson, City Attorney
Lou Stewart, City Manager/Clerk
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: Oath of Newly Elected Officials

City Attorney Dana Thompson administered the oath to the newly elected officials which are Mayor Doris Jones, Councilmembers Edna Cook, Mary Helen Lamb and Curtis Endicott.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve December 7, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes and December 15, 2015 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Councilwoman Lamb requested that corrections be made concerning spelling in the December 7th minutes. She requested that the sentence under the audit presentation stating that only one signature was needed on the Sanitation Fund checks was incorrect and would like for it to be removed from the minutes. Councilwoman

Fourier requested the minutes be amended under The Least of Ministries to indicate that The Least of Ministries was renewing a six month lease from the City. Also, City Attorney Dana Thompson asked that under Item 7 the word disposition be corrected. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve FY 2016 Regular Council Meeting Dates

Councilman Cochran made a motion to approve the 2016 Council Meeting Calendar, seconded by Councilwoman Fourier and approved by all members present. (Council Meeting Dates attached)

Item 6: Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Mayor and Council that the concrete work for the Grady Street project should begin on Wednesday, 6th. He further informed that he had spoken with DOT concerning permits and should be receiving them on Tuesday, 5th.

Item 7: City Managers Report

Ms. Stewart informed Mayor and Council of certain items that she had completed during her first week and items that she will be following up on.

Item 8: City Attorney

No report.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

Mayor Doris Jones informed that she will be contacting other local officials to set up appointments with them in order to introduce Lou.

Item10: Council Remarks

Council requested that Ms. Stewart follow up on the following items:

1. Possibilities for lighting all City entrance signs.
2. Install a stop sign on Byars Street.
3. Submit an update on property taxes at the January 25th Council Meeting.
4. Removal of a car parked on the sidewalk at Bartow Street.
5. Discuss with vendor the option of using bucket truck for putting lights on the Christmas tree next year.
6. Order a large dumpster from North Metro to be placed at City Hall on Saturday, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th for citizen use.

Item 11: Executive Session – Personnel

Councilwoman Lamb made a motion to move into executive session at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb to adjourn the executive session and move back into regular session at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fourier and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager