



City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
January 2017

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

We have completed our January Council Meetings and wish to share some of the information we discussed.

January 16, 2017 City Council Meeting

Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement – Jason Townsend

City Manager Lou Stewart informed this was the agreement for Jason Townsend to continue to read water meters on a contract basis. The Agreement was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Car Wash Ordinance – 1st Reading

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that she had completed an EPD report that had a section for water conservation. It included a plan developed by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District which mandates the City to adopt a car wash ordinance. The ordinance requires certain car washes to recycle the water they utilize. This was the first reading of this ordinance. The second reading will be held on January 23, 2017.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Lou Stewart discussed with Council and I the schedule of the first Community Clean Up Day for 2017. It was the consensus of Council to set the date on Thursday, February 23, 2017. Citizens may bring household items for disposal at no charge. ***The City will not except tires, paint, oil, batteries, chemicals, freezers or air conditioning units for disposal.***



Council Remarks

Councilman Ice requested that I ask Cherokee County to add additional picnic tables at Cline Park. Councilwoman Lamb also suggested for the safety of the children, that we discuss with the County the consideration to install a fence to keep basketballs from going into the road on Bartow Street.

January 23, 2017 City Council Meeting

Approval of Sign Application – Falany Center – Reinhardt University

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that Tim Norton Vice President for Advancement and Marketing had submitted an application from Reinhardt University for the replacement of an existing sign at the Falany Center. The size will remain the same as well as the wording and lighted message board portion of the sign. The existing poles will be re-used for the placement of the new sign.

Approval of Car Wash Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Mayor Jones asked for the second reading and approval of the Car Wash Ordinance. A motion was made and approved unanimously.

Approval of Qualifying Fees – General Election

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council and I that 2017 was an election year for three of our Council Members, Post 1- Melissa Fournier, Post 2-Dennis “Hill” Cochran, and Post 3-Paul Ice. It is state mandated that the qualifying fees be published in the paper before February 1st. The qualifying fee for each Post will be \$69.00. A motion to approve the election qualifying fee was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council there were no issues at this time. A previous low pressure problem has been resolved by Cherokee County elevating the pressure at the water tank.

City Manager’s Report

Ms. Lou Stewart discussed with Council and I the need for discussion concerning the 2018 SPLOST disbursements. She asked that we be considering any projects that we would like to be funded from SPLOST. The City will need to be prepared to discuss the categories with Cherokee County that we want list in the Intergovernmental Agreement for the SPLOST Referendum.

Ms. Stewart also informed that she had requested quotes for State Contract prices from Alan Vigil Ford to purchase a new truck through allocated SPLOST funds for the maintenance department. She also discussed the option of purchasing a Polaris ATV for towing the trailer with equipment for street cleanup. Ms. Stewart informed Council that she will try to have documentation for Council review by the February 20th Council Meeting.

Mayor’s Report

I informed Council that I had spoken with Bryan Reynolds from Cherokee County concerning Cline Park. We discussed the installation of the fence and additional picnic tables. Mr. Reynolds will contact me with more information once he researches the cost of our requests.



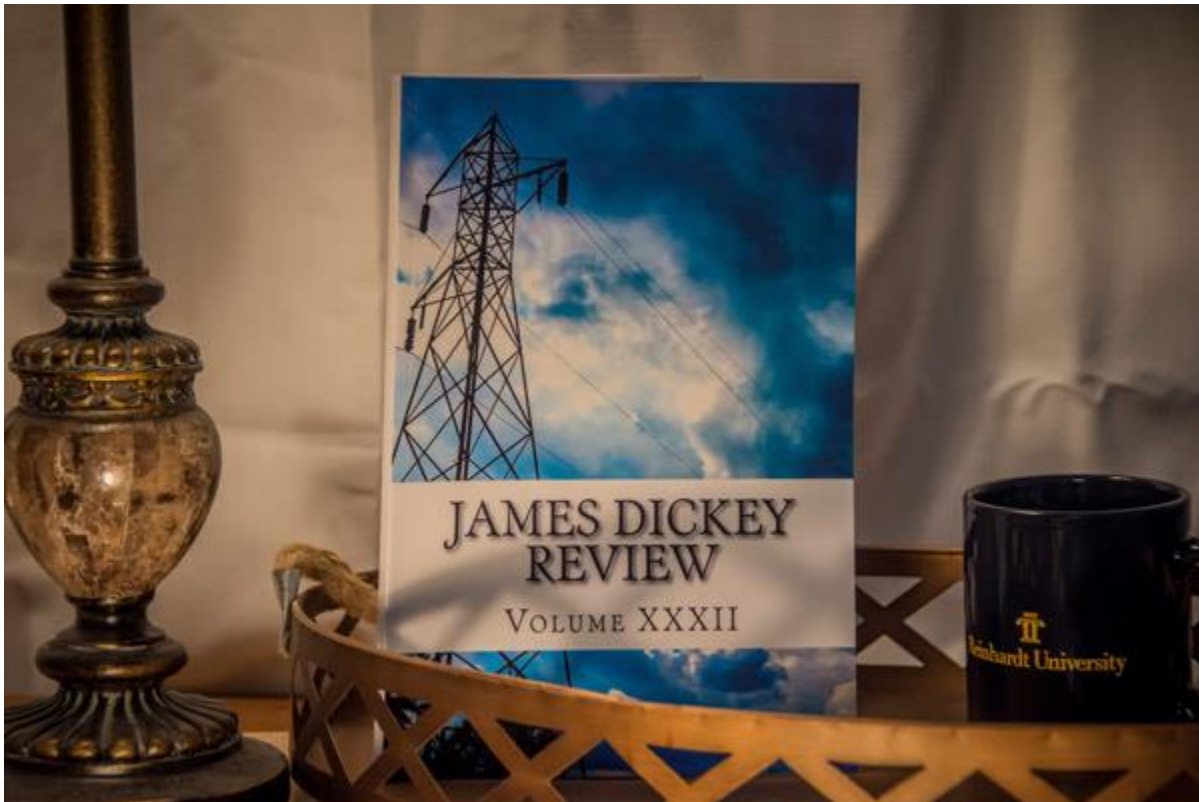
I would also like to inform citizens that the City of Waleska has a new active facebook page. Please follow us at www.facebook.com/cityofwaleska-waleskaga



I would also like to share some items listed below with you that is taking place at Reinhardt University.

The Reinhardt University Eagles football team has a new Head Coach, James Miller, as announced on Jan. 13. Miller has been with Reinhardt since 2014, and served as the team's recruiting coordinator and assistant coach in charge of the offensive line. Congratulations to Coach Miller and Go Eagles! Read more at www.reinhardtteagles.com.

Reinhardt University's first issue of the "James Dickey Review" has been published. The Review, which came to Reinhardt when the university started its Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, is available for purchase. For more information, visit www.reinhardt.edu/JDR.



Reinhardt University's Falany Performing Arts Center will celebrate its 15th Anniversary Friday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to order tickets, visit www.reinhardt.edu/fpac.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor
City of Waleska

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