



City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
June 2017

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

June 5, 2017 City Council Meeting

Public Hearing – FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that a mandated public hearing was being held for citizen comments concerning the 2017-18 Proposed Budget. Ms. Stewart asked if anyone was present that wished to speak for or against the budget. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was concluded.

Consideration to Approve Municipal General Election Resolution 2017-1

City Manager Lou Stewart informed Council this was a Resolution to approve the November General Election to be conducted by Cherokee County Elections and to appoint Ms. Stewart as the Qualifying Officer. The General Election

Yard of the Month Recognition

I nominated Ms. Nancy Waters to receive the Yard of the Month Recognition. Ms. Waters lives at 480 Grady Street.



Water System Report

Mr. Stanley Townsend informed Council that he had a list for several meters to be installed but, no problems with leaks at this time.

FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget Revision Review

Ms. Stewart informed that no revisions to the proposed budget have been made. She asked if Council had any changes. There were no changes requested. The budget will be approved at the meeting on June 19th.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Lou Stewart informed Council of the Comprehensive Plan Update forums to be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at the Cherokee County Recreation Center in Woodstock and on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the Northside Cherokee Conference Center in Canton. This information was also posted on the City website and Facebook page.

June 19, 2017 City Council Meeting

Water Rate Study – Chris Poje, PE – G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers

Mr. Poje discussed the 2015-16 Audited Budget Expenses for the Water Fund to show the reasoning for the rate increases that were discussed. He informed Council that revenues collected only covered eight-three percent (83%) of expenses for the 15-16 fiscal year. The water rate study presented two rate increase options for consideration. Each option was approximately a twenty percent (20%) increase in residential, commercial and industrial rates. There will be further discussion concerning the rate increases before any decisions are made.

Consideration to Approve Intergovernmental Sales Tax Agreement for SPLOST V between Cherokee County and the City of Waleska

The draft IGA for the 2018 SPLOST V was distributed to Council for approval. The approval was for the agreement and the categories listed for capital improvement projects for the City of Waleska. The distribution amount for Waleska will be approximately 2.5 million dollars.

Appointment of Waleska Representative for Sequoyah Library Board

Councilwoman Lamb requested that Ms. Janet Belote be appointed as the new Waleska representative for the Sequoyah Library Board. Ms. Belote will be replacing Ms. Lamb's position on the Board. Ms. Lamb thanked everyone for appointing her to the Board and stated she enjoyed her term representing Waleska. Ms. Belote's appointment will begin on July 1st and will be a three-year term.

FY 2017-18 Budget Approval

The FY 2017-18 Budget was approved. The General Fund Budget is \$181,300.00 with the Water Fund Budget at \$1,007,542.00 and the Sanitation Budget is \$145,000.00 dollars.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Stewart informed Council that in speaking with County Manager Jerry Cooper, the Fire Tax will need to be added to the City's property tax bill. She further informed that the County has been collecting this tax for Waleska and the County auditors have requested that the tax be collected by the City of Waleska and then paid to the County per the terms of the Fire Tax Agreement. Mr. Cooper will send the Fire Tax Agreement for Council approval.

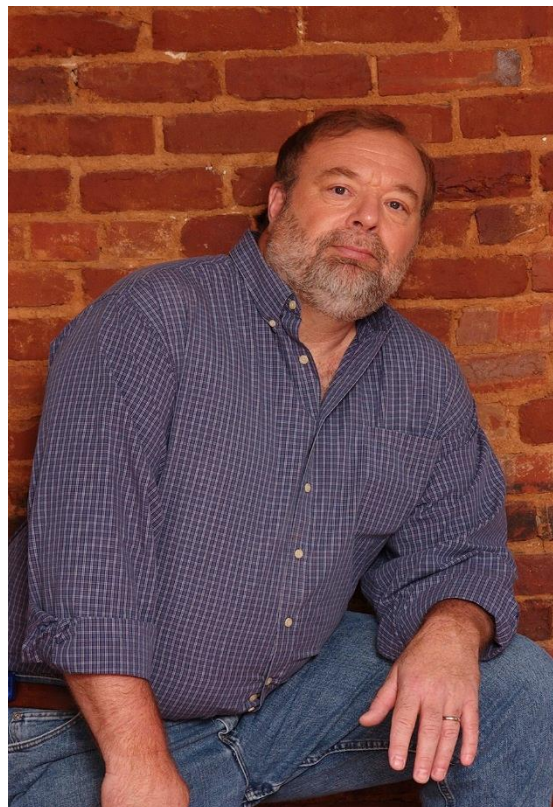
City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Dana Thompson informed Council that she drafted the requirements for a Bed and Breakfast Ordinance along with a revised permitted use table. She also updated Waleskas' Cell Tower Ordinance. She requested that Council and I review these documents and let her know if they would like to make any changes. A Public Hearing has been advertised and will be held at the July 3rd City Council Meeting.

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

Reinhardt MFA Faculty Earn Nods from Georgia Writers Association

Reinhardt University Etowah Valley Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing faculty and guest faculty were honored at the 53rd Annual Georgia Author of the Year Awards, including Ray Atkins who earned the Lifetime Achievement Award. Visit Reinhardt.edu/events for more details.



Reinhardt Partners with Nigerian University to Expand Opportunities for Students

Reinhardt University and Edwin Clark University in Nigeria have partnered to provide opportunities to share international exchange experiences and disciplinary knowledge. Learn more at Reinhardt.edu/events.



Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones
Mayor
City of Waleska

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