

City of Waleska
Mayor's Newsletter
June 2018

Dear Citizens of Waleska:

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

May 7, 2018 City Council Meeting

Mayor Jones recognized **Jim Swanson & Troup 125 Scouts** and commended them for accomplishing the Communication Badge by attending our Council Meeting.

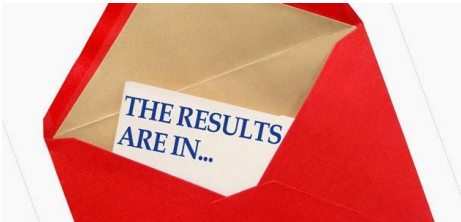
City Clerk Robyn Smith reported changes that she had made since the last meeting, which included moving the roof repair from SPLOST to Water Fund, putting the GEFA Debt Service back in SPLOST from Water Fund at the suggestion of the CPA. In speaking with the Mayor on this matter, it was suggested that the city postpone moving the debt service from the Water Fund until it would be financially easier to do so. After bringing it to the attention of Council, Council was in agreement with this also. Sidewalks were moved from Water Fund to SPLOST.

The Mayor, Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb and City Clerk Robyn Smith met with Margaret Stallings on May 1st to discuss the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Waleska. City Clerk Robyn Smith recommended to Mayor and Council four projects that could be started, 1) Walking Trail behind City Hall. City Clerk Robyn Smith will contact Cherokee Parks and Recreation to find out how to move forward with this. Project. 2) Weddings. Mayor and Council discussed doing weddings again on Thursday from 9-3 by appointment and paid in advance. The cost will be \$100, which would cover facility use and officiant's fee. Mayor and Council discussed buying a gazebo for those who want to have weddings outside. This gazebo will be put on the City property next to City Hall and would cost approximately \$3,500. A motion to approve the gazebo price of \$3,500 was made by Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb, and seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present. 3) Mayor and Council discussed offering shredding days to our community and agreed to offer the service at least twice a year. 4) Assigning a liaison for City of Waleska to talk with Reinhardt College when ideas arise. A motion to appoint Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb to serve as liaison was made by Councilmember Costales, and seconded by Councilmember Ice, and approved by all members present. The Comprehensive Plan was also approved by all members present.

Stanley Townsend reported that he hopes the Pleasant Arbor project will start this week.

Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb reported that she attended the Georgia Power luncheon held by Joe Brownlee. It was very informative. She reported there is an app for Ga Power that customers can download on their smart phone and report outages, street lights out, and it will notify you when your power has been restored. Mr. Brownlee reported that your meter will tell Ga Power when you have no power. **This is a great app to get and its free!** Just go to your app store on your smart phone.

May 21, 2018 City Council Meeting



**KRISTI BOSCH
CONGRATS KRISTI!!!!**

The FY 2018-19 Budget was approved.

Yard of the Month was awarded to Ms. Ruby Smith.



Report of the Water System is that Pleasant Arbor has begun and water lines will soon be laid!!!! We have several leaks in the city and work to fix those should start by the end of the month.

City Managers Report - the Community Dumpster we had on April 26th filled up in 30 minutes. We had some very upset customers that live in our city. The City Manager recommended that we start having 2 dumpster days for “just our City Residents” and 2 dumpster days for “just our water customers”, that way our city residents will have a better opportunity to use the dumpster. Mayor and Council agreed on this. City Manager reported that the previous gazebo that was approved did not include a floor or installation. She found another one that included all of that for \$6460.70 and asked for approval to purchase this one instead. A slab will be poured to go under it. City Manager also reported that she is cleaning up the old software in preparation for the new software coming, and that we have 91 accounts that need to be written off for nonpayment. These accounts will be flagged in our new system so that when these customers apply for water service again we will know what was written off.

Mayor’s Report - Mayor Jones reported that Councilmember Mary Helen and herself went to the Cherokee Leadership Class held at the Bluffs and that Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb did excellent.

Council Remarks - Councilmember Mary Helen Lamb reported on the Cherokee Leadership Class. The questions that they were asked 4 questions, 1) She explained the 5-year plan for the city, 2) She explained that if they City of Canton were to annexing property off and up to Sam Nelson they would be held liable for the law enforcement to the citizens, 3) The City’s biggest hurdle regarding budget development is “money”. Councilmember Costales asked if he could get a quote for the Frisbee disc off, and all agreed that would be fine.

The City Council race saw less than 24% turnout from the City’s Registered Voters, with only 23 people coming out on election day to cast their votes. There was confusion that most voters thought they could vote at one precinct, but to vote for City Council it can only be done at City Hall.

Please city residents in November get out and cast your votes!

A few things from Reinhardt College...

More than 320 graduates from Reinhardt University

The 131st Commencement Ceremony at Reinhardt University was held May 4 at Ken White Field at University Stadium. More than 320 students earned their degrees, including Benjamin Wheeler, who celebrated alongside his grandfather Hugh Sheffield ’68. See photos and read more about Commencement at Reinhardt.edu/commencement.



SGA President
Luke Williams



Dr. Mallard, Ben Wheeler, and
Ben’s Grandfather Hugh Sheffield ’68



Keynote Speaker
Chanda Bell



Ceremony Celebration with Blue and Gold Stress Balls

Construction continues through summer

Construction of two new buildings and the addition to Gordy Dining Center has campus bustling through summer. With anticipated completion dates of Aug. 1, workers with Carroll Daniel Construction forge ahead to complete Reinhardt Theater, Eagles View – a new residence hall and the expansion of Gordy Dining Center, which will be two-thirds larger when complete. Stay up-to-date on campus construction at Reinhardt.edu/construction.

SPLASH PAD WILL OPEN MAY 26TH!!!!!! HOURS ARE FROM 11AM-5PM EVERYONE WELCOME AND ITS FREE!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Jones
Mayor
City of Waleska

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