



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2024**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Eddie Blackwell, Councilmember
Peter Brown, Councilmember
Logan Patrick, Councilmember
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Kim Kirsch, City Clerk/Manager
Chris Lumpkin, Water Maintenance
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
John Meier, City Attorney

Absent: Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Michael Greene, Councilmember

Item 1: Call to Order
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Innovation
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

Item 3: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 30, 2024
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for September 30, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Five Minute Public Hearing

- None

Item 5: Water System Report

- Cherokee County Fire Department is planning to install a fire hydrant on Hwy. 140. They requested that Lamar perform a fire test. Two tests were conducted, and the pressure ratings were 581 – 733. Lamar believes there is a valve issue between S. Land Rd. and Hwy. 140. It was

discussed that we put in a PRV at Sardis Rd. We would need a bid on that before we proceed. A motion was put forth to locate the faulty valve by Councilman Blackwell and seconded by Councilman Cochran. This needs to be done before the city goes back to Cherokee County Fire. This project can be paid out of SPLOST funds.

- Lamar stated he is in communication with GEFA as to receiving funds to replace water lines. He will keep us updated on the status of when we will receive funds and the amount.
- Chris Lumpkin discussed the low chlorine levels on Sam Nelson Road and Hwy. 108. He stated he must flush the lines every other day, if not daily to keep at a level of .2. Some days it takes 15 minutes, and there have been times it can take an hour. This is causing the loss of many gallons of water. Chris suggested using an automatic flusher and Lamar suggested an automatic chlorinator device. Lamar will check on the cost for both options and update the council at our next meeting.

Item 6: City Manager Report

- Kim Kirsch notified the council that a gentleman came in last Friday asking about property for sale at the corner of Hwy. 108 and Reinhart College Pkwy. He was given the name and number of the property owner. He is looking for 8 acres to build a grocery store.
- Kim Kirsch notified the council that she spoke with Omega with Butter and Milk about their lease with ABF Horizon LLC in relation to their alcohol license. We have the paperwork in place currently for them to receive their alcohol license. A motion was made by Councilman Cochran and seconded by Councilman Brown and approved by all members present.

Item 7: City Attorney's Report

- Water System Matters – John Meier discussed the Fate Conn Property. Plans for this project after confirmation that the pump acquired by Townsend will not work. Status of title to this property is unknown and we are waiting to obtain confirmation of location. John recommends the understanding be memorialized and acknowledged by CCWSA.
- Highpoint Subdivision – no update
- Canyon Ridge – Issues with the water pressure and other matters. Recommended discussing plans with Canton for the water tower originally planned for the development.
- 830 Puckett Creek Drive – Information has been provided to Flint, Connolly & Walker attorneys. Meeting dates with FCW and the Mayor, City Clerk, and Councilmembers are to be set to discuss the encroachment into Waleska's Water and Sewer Service Area (WSSA)

and establishing procedures for joint utility services and sanctions and violations.

- Fincher Road Water Line Easements – Letter to be prepared to property owner requesting execution of easement agreement.

Item 8: Mayor's Report

- Nothing to report.

Item 9: Council Remarks

- Councilman Brown requested an amendment or repeal of City of Waleska's Code Sec. 16-50. Weapons; discharge in city. The motion was made to consider repealing the code by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Patrick. There will be a second reading at the next council meeting.

Item 10: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF October, 2024.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Kirsch

Kim Kirsch, City Clerk

City of Waleska

8891 Fincher Road

Waleska, Georgia 30183

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b)

PERSONALLY APPEARED before the undersigned, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Mary Helen Lamb, who after first being duly sworn, say on oath:

1. On 10-21-, 2024 a meeting or portion thereof was closed to the public pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(a).
2. The undersigned is the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and presided over the aforesaid meeting.
3. The subject matter of said meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matter(s) within exceptions provided by law, as follows (mark applicable exceptions):

Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1).

Future acquisition of real estate pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1).

Appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of public officer or employee pursuant O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2).

Other: _____

4. This affidavit is provided pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b) and is to be filed with the official minutes of the aforesaid meeting as provided by law.

Mary Helen Lamb
Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
21st day of October, 2024.

Kim Kirsch
Notary Public My Commission Expires: 10-8-2028
(NOTARY SEAL)

