



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2020**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Lee Lamb, Councilmember
Paul Ice, Councilmember
Vickie Boswell, Councilmember
Jon Costales, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
John Meier, City Attorney

Absent: Kristi Bosch, Councilmember, Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers, Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb, called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

Item 3: Welch, Walker and Associates to present the 2018-19 Audit

Ms. Tacie Jo Bracken presented the audit, and first she informed the Council that we have spent many hours transitioning to the new software and as of this time City of Waleska books are balanced. City of Waleska is starting 2020 on a good foot. The General Fund is growing in cash and has solid funds. General Fund had more revenues than expenditures, which is good. City of Waleska did spend more in SPLOST Fund than revenues. The only fund they have to report is General fund. City of Waleska budgeted for \$181,300 and spent only \$166,094. City of Waleska has adhered to the budget by far for the General Fund.

The only debt the city has is a small GEFA loan compared to what your infrastructure is, that ratio is pretty low.

There was a slight loss in the Sanitation fund this year. Ms. Bracken thinks that will change this year with payroll allocation.

The SPLSOT schedule, we have added the 2018. We have split them, so 2012 SPLOST is 99.63% complete. It has \$70,000 right now to spend.

Welch Walker and Associates give comments of the audit for City of Waleska. City of Waleska's main comment is segregation of duties due to small staff City of Waleska did not have any noncompliance this year.

Councilmember Cochran asked about the 2012 SPLOST, based on the amount of the loan the 2018 SPLOST should cover the GEFA loan payment. Ms. Bracken reported that SPLOST could be used for that, but our water fund is definitely in financial shape to use it, without a debt payment coming out of SPLOST.

The reserve fund balance has to be 25% of budget and audit says we have it.

At this time the swearing in must be done before any councilmembers can vote.

- Item 4: Approve Resolution 2020-01 for Budget Amendment for GEFA Loan**
City Manager Robyn Smith presented the budget Amendment to decrease line item 505-39-1220 for Transfer in GEFA/SPLOST by \$72,996 (in revenues). Then decrease contingency by \$57,665.55 (in expenses). The remainder (\$15,330.45) out of reserves from prior years (or retained earnings). SPLOST decrease line item 320-9000-611100 by \$72,996 and a contingency line item for that amount in SPLOST.
Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 2020-01 for budget amendment. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Costales, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present. City Manger presented a report to council that she hopes Council will like to show the total budget for the year and monthly. Also, the budget for property taxes was budgeted for 24,000 and we are at 104,000, with Reinhardt now paying taxes. Councilmember Cochran reported that it is unused property for grounds at the college.
- Item 5: Review and Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2019 Council Meeting**
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the minutes for the regular schedule meeting. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Boswell, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Item 6: Swearing in of Mayor Mary Helen Lamb, Councilmember Vickie Boswell Post 5, Councilmember Lee Lamb Post 6, Councilmember Dennis Cochran Post 2.**
Attorney Mr. John Meier swore all members in for 2020, for a 4-year term.
- Item 7: Consideration to Approve Committee, Boards & Authorities for 2020**
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the Committees, Boards and Authorities. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Committees. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

Item 8: Consideration to Approve to relinquish 14402 Fincher Rd., and 14424 Fincher Rd. to Cherokee County Water. These customers have requested to get water from Cherokee County since City of Waleska doesn't provide water to them.

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the to relinquish 14402 and 14424 Fincher Rd to Cherokee County Water and Sewer. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Boswell, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 9: Approve by Vote to move the Bank Accounts from South State Bank to United Community Bank

City Manger Robyn Smith reported that even though we had a vote 4-0 to move bank accounts, it needed to be voted on in a meeting.

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve to move bank accounts from South State Bank to United Community Bank. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Boswell, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

Item 10: Water System Report

Stanley Townsend was not there, nor Lamar Rogers, but City Manager talked to Mr. Rogers and he reported that the GEFA Hwy 140 project that he has the plans but there were some questions he had and would meet with Mr. Townsend about that. Turnipseed Engineers can not go out for bid due to all cities being noncompliant with DCA.

Item 11: City Managers Report

City Manager reported that she we have put in 81 MXU's. That budget line is spent, but we can use money elsewhere to buy more. A motion was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb to buy up to \$5000, and seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

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City Manager reported that City of Canton raised their wholesale rate to \$3.05. City Manager asked that the City of Waleska raise their wholesale rate to \$3.05 from \$2.70. A motion was made by Councilmember Boswell, seconded by Councilmember Ice, and approved by all members present.

City Manager reported the Resolution to adopt and appoint 2 council members to attend Service Deliver Strategy meetings and report back to Mayor and Council. This will be revisited at January 27th meeting.

City Manager reported that Sarah Crowe at 700 Land Rd asked for a refund on her water meter that she bought, but now is going to use her sister's meter that lives next to her that is not being used for chicken houses at 730 Land Rd. City Manager recommended to Mayor and Council some options on doing this. Since this is not an unusual situation Council discussed we shouldn't refund the entire \$1700 for the meter. After much discussion, Council requested that Chris go look at meter and determine if it's an old meter that needs replacing due to not picking up or anything wrong with it. If there is City of Waleska will not refund for the meter due to having to replace it so that it will work. a motion was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb to refund \$1523 which includes taking off for meter, for administrative fee, and locate fee, and have Chris go look at meter and determine if it's an old meter that needs replacing due to not picking up or anything wrong with it. If there is City of Waleska will not refund for the meter due to having to replace it so that it will work, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 12: City Attorneys Report

Attorney John Meier reported that Mayor Lamb, Robyn Smith, and himself met with Billy Peppers and Bobby Dyer to discuss the division of contested Water Service Area. Apparently, the City Manager was not very aware of the discussions with Mayor Hobgood. Copies of the maps for the proposed division were delivered and reviewed. We hope to hear something about the proposal soon. Attorney John Meier received the letter from City's Auditor on December 18th. He had a phone conference with Tacie Jo Bracken to discuss inconsistencies in the letter and information needed. Response was provided on December 20th. He reported nothing still on the SDS with Smith, Welch, Webb & White. With Highpointe Subdivision we still have no more information. Attorney John Meier did discuss this with City Manager Billy Peppers and Attorney Bobby Dyer at the meeting on January 3, 2020. He mentioned that Margaret Stallings will attend the next council meeting, so hopefully we can get some answers to all our questions about request for water services.

Item 13: Mayors Report

No Report.

Item 14: Council Remarks

Councilmember Cochran asked about how ServLine is going. City Manager reported that we've had quite a few sign up for the \$4.95 charge from meter to house insurance. We will have our first billing this month with ServLine.

Item 15: Adjournment

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF February, 2020.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk

