



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2019**

**Present:** Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor  
Paul Ice, Councilmember  
Jon Costales, Councilmember  
Lee Lamb, Councilmember  
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager  
John Meier, City Attorney  
Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline  
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers  
Margaret Stallings, Cherokee County Planning and Zoning

- Item 1: Call to Order**  
Mayor Pro Tempore, Mary Helen Lamb, called the meeting to order with a quorum present.
- Item 2: Pledge to the Flag**  
The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tempore Lamb.
- Item 3: Consideration of Resignation of Mayor Jones**  
City Clerk/Manager Robyn Smith asked the Councilmembers present if they received the letter from Mayor Doris Jones announcing her resignation as the Mayor. All Councilmembers acknowledged receiving the resignation letter. After no further comments were made, City Clerk/Manager Robyn Smith requested that the Councilmembers make a motion concerning Mayor Jones' resignation. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to accept Mayor Jones' resignation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Costales and approved by all members present.
- Item 4: Consideration of Appointment of Successor Mayor**  
City Clerk/Manager Robyn Smith informed the Councilmembers that the vacancy created by the resignation of Mayor Jones and asked the Councilmembers to act to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch to appoint Councilmember and acting Mayor Pro Tempore, Mary Helen Lamb, as Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.



**City Clerk/Manager informed the Councilmembers of possible conflicts and concern expressed by the City's auditors that could be reduced if the presentation by the City's Auditors, Welch, Walker & Associates, was moved to an earlier time in the meeting. City Clerk/Manager Robyn Smith requested that the Councilmembers consider amending the Agenda to move the Audit Presentation from Welch, Walker & Associates from Item 8 to Item 5.**

A motion to amend the agenda moving the Audit Presentation from Welch, Walker & Associates from Item 8 to Item 5 was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

**Item 5: Audit Presentation – Tacie Jo Bracken – Welch, Walker and Associates**  
Mrs. Bracken presented the 2017-18 audit to Mayor and Council.

**Item 6: Review and Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2018**  
Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve Minutes for December 3, 2018. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

**Item 7: Consideration to Approve Resolution 2019-R-01 2018 Waleska Comprehensive Plan Update**

Margaret Stallings, AIA, AICP, with Cherokee County Planning and Zoning, informed the Mayor and City Councilmembers that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) approved the updates to the City of Waleska's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Stallings stated that all public notices have been properly given. Ms. Stallings stated the Mayor and Councilmembers were able to proceed with adoption of a Resolution adopting the updates. Resolution No. 2019-R-01 was presented to the Mayor and City Councilmembers. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-R-01, Waleska Comprehensive Plan Update. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-R-01 was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

**Item 8: Consideration of proposed amendments to the City of Waleska's Flood Control Ordinance Sections 6.34 and 6.151 of Chapter 6 – BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS**

City Attorney, John Meier, informed the Mayor and City Councilmembers of a request made by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the Mayor and City Councilmembers to amend the City of Waleska's Ordinances to remain compliant with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program. A draft of a proposed Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Waleska to make changes to Article II, Chapter 6, - Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention was distributed to the Mayor and Councilmembers for consideration. In compliance with Section 3.20 of the Code of the City of Waleska, this Ordinance will be considered for adoption at next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

**City Clerk/Manager asked to amend the agenda to adjourn the City Council Meeting to hold a Public Hearing for the purposes of receiving information from the public about obtaining a loan from Georgia Environmental Finance**



Authority (GEFA) for water system infrastructure projects for the City of Waleska

A motion to amend the suspend the City Council Meeting and open a Public Hearing was made by Councilmember Cochran, and seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

Lamar Rogers, City Engineer, discussed the GEFA loan process. Mayor Lamb invited the members of the public in attendance to offer comments and ask questions.

After receiving all comments and at the conclusion of all discussions Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn Public Hearing. A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

**Item 9: Water System**

Stanley Townsend reported and stated there has been nothing else done at Pleasant Arbor due to the exceptionally rainy weather. The new proposed date to finish this project is April 1st. He also reported there is a pre-construction meeting on Hwy 140 and Lower Burris scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

**Item 10: City Manager's Report**

City Manager, Robyn Smith, reported on the following:

- During UB conversion process, credit card transactions for water payments were deposited in General Fund checking and should have been deposited in Water Fund checking. The total amount deposited through January 7, 2019 was \$25,195.08. Ms. Smith stated that this amount needs to be transferred from the City's General Fund to the City's Water Fund. Ms. Smith advised that there may be a few more deposits in the General fund until this problem is corrected in the UB conversion. Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the transfer of \$25,195.08 from General Fund to Water Fund to correct the credit cards transactions. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

**Item 11: City Attorney's Report**

No Report.

**Item 12: Mayor's Report**

Mary Helen Lamb wanted to thank council for their confidence in her to serve as Mayor until December 31, 2019. Mayor Lamb stated that although we will miss Doris Jones tremendously and all the good things she did for the City, she is looking forward to being Mayor.

**Item 13: Council Remarks**

No Report.

**Item 14: Executive Session – Personnel**

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to move into executive session. A motion was made by Councilmember Ice, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Lee Lamb, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

**Item 15: Adjournment**

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

APPROVED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2019.

Mary Helen Lamb  
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith  
Robyn Smith, City Clerk

