



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2019**

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

Absent: Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

- Item 1:** **Call to Order**
Mayor 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 Lamb.
- Item 3:** **Review and Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2019 Council Meeting**
Mayor Lamb asked the Councilmembers to review the minutes for the regular schedule meeting. There being no comments or corrections, Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2019 council meeting. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Costales, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Item 4:** **Recognition of Girl Scouts Troup 18292 on the planting of flowers at al City of Waleska Signs**
Mayor Lamb presented each girl with a certificate for their excellent service to our city.

City Manager Robyn Smith asked to amend the agenda for Resolution 2019-09 Resolution for City of Waleska to sign to say that we are in participation with other cities in the county where they are trying to stop double taxing for residents in the City and County. The only thing that is asked of the City of Waleska is to pay \$500 for Smith Welch Webb & White to represent us and

show that we are invested in this with the other cities. With our IGA with the county we should be covered, we don't have anything to share with the County, we pay them yearly for this. City Manager Robyn Smith informed council that the 3 big cities Woodstock, Canton and Holly Springs will be paying all attorney fees for Smith Welch Webb & Walker. The Mayor went on to say that Ball Ground, Mountain Park and Waleska are there to support the other cities. Attorney John Meier asked if this was part of the 2019 SDS and it is. City Manager Robyn Smith said yes, it is part of the Water Map and if that is not completed or we don't agree on it City of Waleska will not sign the 2019 SDS. The firm is not focusing on that at this time. Attorney Meier wanted to be sure even though the Resolution says there are no further conflicts that with the Water map it can be addressed later if necessary. All council members want to be sure that we are not responsible for any fees other than the \$500 up-front one-time cost. Mayor Lamb assured them we are not. Attorney Meier also stated that with this Resolution if something were to come up later with City of Waleska and another city that this can be terminated at will. Councilmember Cochran was asking about the terms of the letter on the Acknowledgement form, he just wants to be sure later they don't come back with charging us fees. Attorney Meier stated that once an agreement is settled that agreement will come back to all cities to be approved by Mayor and Council, and that they can't bind the terms of the agreement because we don't know those terms yet. The cities are getting together and hiring a representation for them to contact their representative to mediate on this and come to an agreement. Council is concerned about more legal bills adding up on this, so it was asked that we tell Mr. Andy Welch to send all documentation for approval to the City Manager. Councilmember Constales asked if we could be notified when the other cities sign the Resolution. Councilmember Ice stated that this is just showing we are representing a united front with the cities.

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 2019-09. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Costales with the stipulation that we are only paying the \$500 up front to Smith Welch Walker & Webb, and that City Manager Robyn Smith will be the appointed person to receive all documentation, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, opposed by Councilmembers Cochran and Councilmember Boswell. Passed with a 3-2 vote.

Item 5:

Matthew Reyes to speak on Driveway issue from leak

Matthew Reyes spoke to Mayor and Council about his driveway that he states has been damaged due to a water leak. He stated that we had asked for permission to move his meter and he would like to work together on this. He suggested that probably 10-15 ft of driveway needs to be repaired. The existing leak is still going on. Stanley stated that he had seen low boy equipment going in and out of driveway, Matthew stated they have 2 driveways, and nothing has gone in the main driveway. He stated that even the road has cracks. This leak doesn't seem to be as bad as the first one, and nothing was ever done about driveway from 2014, so he states if he has

leveraged here let's work together and fix driveway and move the meter wherever you want. Stanley suggested that we move meter to ROW and replace service, then any leak after that would be his issue. After much discussion Mayor Lamb said that we would check it out and be in touch. Stanley Townsend will observe this Tuesday May 7th, and let Mayor and Council know.

Item 6: Greg Bower to speak on cutting trees at Pump Station

Mayor Lamb reported that Greg Bowers is not here and has looked at the trees behind City Hall and pump station and will come up with an estimate and present this to council next meeting.

Item 7: Review and Approval of Relinquishing the property of North GA Angel House to City of Canton

Mayor Lamb asked for approval to relinquish the property of North GA Angel House.

Councilmember Boswell asked if this has anything to do with the SDS, it does not. The letter doesn't state that this will be a one-time deal, and that was stated at the meeting that was held by all parties. Stanley Townsend reported he met with Dwayne Fowler at Cherokee Co Water Authority, and he is supposed to be sending the revised map for water SDS this week. He asked Stanley to come look at the map, and everything we got on 140 from the Fire Station at Pea Ridge, if we had a meter at that piece of property and had a service there anything on that property is attached to our service delivery area, that includes those apartments because we had 2 old houses there, both had meters to them and both in service, so that put all that back in our service area, the new school had 4 meters there. The property that was being discussed over a couple years back on Sam Nelson is City of Canton, but when you get down to Rampley Trail Cherokee Co services everything from Rampley Trail southwest. At the same time Rockhouse Rd on Salacoa, Cherokee Co Water has had some applications for that and it shows in our service area, Dwayne stated that if we let Cherokee Co have Rockhouse Rd, which we don't for see putting water lines there, then they would entertain and relinquish that to us on Rampley Trail for Rockhouse Rd because they don't for see going that route. He mentioned Pleasant Union is Cherokee Co Water but if we wanted to set a meter at Pleasant Union and they buy back water from us they would consider that.

Council asked that the City Manager go back to City of Canton asking that the parcel # 14N09 035 J be added everywhere it says parcel, and on the 2nd paragraph add This agreement is exclusive to only parcel 14N09 035 J at 2260 Sam Nelson Rd. If at any time North Ga Angel House dissolves this agreement is null and void.

Item 8: Review and Approval to add Kristi Bosch, Vickie Boswell, Dennis Cochran, Paul Ice and Lee Lamb to signatures for all banks

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to approve the above councilmembers to be added to all banks for signatures. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

Item 9: Water System Report

Stanley Townsend reported that all Scada is in and working. The meter for Canyon Ridge is here and will be put in. That area will be out of water for about 8 hours when putting it in. Nothing has been done as far as water at the Hwy 140-Lower Burris project yet. Lewallen put line in on George Gray Lane and spent lots of money. There are about 16 houses on George Gray that might want service. Stanley told Larry Lewallen today we would try and figure out a reimbursement for him, so people can tie in. Customers would have to pay for the meter. City Manager stated that Larry's wife had told her that she was under the impression that they didn't have to purchase a meter. The other option was to set a meter at top of George Gray Ln. This has been done before at Arlington Lane, City of Waleska put in approximately \$5000. Councilmember Cochran stated that he was under the impression that once he tied into our line, it would be our line not his. Councilmember Cochran feels we should work out an agreement. He suggests we go ahead and get him off the books and pay him. Larry spent \$11,000 out of pocket for the line he put in. Councilmember Cochran suggests \$5500 to be paid to Lewallen. Councilmember Lee Lamb suggests that we pay him \$5500 and 1 meter free. Stanley Townsend said that Lewallen will give us an easement turning over the line and has been permitted through Cherokee County.

Stanley reported that we have 23 meters that need to be set, and it's taking 4 weeks to get here. Council wants 30 on hand at all time. City Manager reported she has 30 coming and will order 10 more boxes. Some meters have been replaced to be able to use the MXU attachment.

Mayor asked about Pleasant Arbor, and Stanley said he made a deal with Lewallen to use his new rock trencher and he is supposed to start soon on that.

Item 10: City Manager's Report

City Manager reported that she has done the following per council request:

1. Notifications via phone call – The number on the caller ID is 770-479-2912 and when you get a text it says City of Waleska with a link to pay bill and it tells them that
2. City Manager asked if Council wanted her to call Sunbelt insurance and have them come meet with me to see how much it would cost us to do the warranty program for customers, Mayor and Council agreed we should look at it.
3. Lewallen was to start digging the week of April 22 for Pleasant Arbor
4. City Manager passed out a copy of cards that are given to cutoffs

5. I went to my Alcohol Class and got the ORI#. What we will do if we have anymore is send them to Sheriff's office with our ORI# and they will fingerprint more than just GA
6. City Manager handed out council's Savannah trip information
7. Dean Woodall called and will not be annexing into the City
8. Crosswalk Flashing Lights – She has contacted GDOT to get approved for 4 lights. Asked if council wanted her to budget in for next year. Councilmember Cochran suggested that City Manager contact Reinhardt to see if they would be willing to share some of the cost, since 3 lights will benefit Reinhardt.
9. Bank Balances as of 5/6/19
 - Water Fund - \$901,471
 - General Fund - \$159,594
 - Sanitation Fund - \$38,942
 - SPLOST - \$233,256
 - SPLOST - \$452,000

Item 11: Attorney's Report
No Report.

Item 12: Mayor's Report
Mayor Lamb reported that she had asked City Manager to contact GDOT about paving in front of Reinhardt and Lamb Ln, and they have completed one lane so far.
City Manager reported that Jerry Cooper had requested that we send him a bill for loss that we will obtain from relinquishing North GA Angel House. This will be a one-time fee from him. Councilmember Cochran stated that he wishes they would have just said here's \$50,000 to buy North GA Angel House, and we wouldn't be going through this. They are buying one of our assets. If they were to add or build on they would have to come back to City of Waleska for a bigger meter. Councilmember Lee Lamb suggested \$30,000 to relinquish North GA Angel House to City of Canton. We will be charging City of Canton wholesale rate for this parcel.

Item 13: Council Remarks
Councilmember Cochran has requested that Tacey Jo come to next meeting and walk them through the budget report reads and how SPLOST is doing. He stated the budget report is hard to read. He stated there's a lot of double posting, due to making corrections. He stated that pages 4-5 were left off, and he couldn't understand the report due to this. City Manager showed Councilmember Cochran what and where the GEFA payment is coming from, and how much. He just wants to see where we are, so we can plan for water extensions. That can be done from SPLOST City Manager reported.
Councilmember Lee Lamb reported there has been a trash bin at the cemetery and needs to be picked up.

Councilmember Ice asked that we contact Cherokee Parks and see if we can get the trail back on their radar to do. Attorney Meier suggested that the boy scouts are doing projects to get badges and they might be willing to help.

Item 14: 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 20th DAY OF May, 2019.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk

