



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2022**

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

Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

Absent: 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 of Allegiance/Innovation**
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag
- Item 3: Consideration to Approve Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2022 Meeting**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2022. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.
- Item 4: Five Minute Public Hearing**
Nathan Brandon spoke to council about water on Geneva Rd. There are 4 new customers that would probably want water. Their current meters are at Lower Burris rd. There are 13 homeowners, some are on well. All residents that have water meters now have lines run from Lower Burris Rd. He will check with the residents that have well and see if they are interested. City Manager reminded Mr. Brandon that the meter fee is \$3200.00.

Councilmember Cochran explained the process of supplying water lines. City Manager said that Geneva is 2925 ft and Frances is 570 ft. There will be no fire protection due to cost. Councilmember Cochran said that normally the city split the cost with the residents.

Mr. Brandon will speak with other residents and email the city manager.

Mr. Castleberry asked about the outcome of the roundabout last week. City Manager said there was no decision made that it was on the agenda.

Lisa Parker asked about the water lines at Old McCoy Rd, where we were on that. City Manager said this has been talked about, but she has no list of residents. Ms. Parker asked about the alcohol who could vote, it was explained that only city residents can vote on May 24th, 2022.

Item 5: Tacie Jo Bracken of Welch, Walker and Associates to present Audit 2020-21

Ms. Bracken did not come but Mayor Mary Helen Lamb handed out the audit and asked council if they had any questions to email City Manager.

Item 6: Consideration to Approve Letter of Support for Round About

A motion to was made by Councilmember Cochran to rewrite the letter of support to include the city will have no financial obligation. seconded by Councilmember Bosch, Councilmember Boswell abstained due to her property being involved in the roundabout, Councilmember Bosch didn't approve not in favor of it, 4 members approved 1 abstained, 1 not approved.

Item 7: Approve Sign Permit of Goosehead Insurance & Bean & Barn Biscuit

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the sign permit for Goosehead Insurance & Bean & Barn Biscuit. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 8: Discussion of SPLOST 2024

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to have the following items on the SPLOST 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

- Utility Systems Infrastructure including new systems, improvements, and expansion of existing, debt services, vehicles, equipment and materials, remaining allocation - \$700,000.
- General Government Building - \$500,000

Item 9: Discussion and Approve GA Power Agreement

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the GA Power agreement for Christmas Lights. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 10: Discussion of Distilled Spirits Ordinance

After much discussion and explanation from Attorney John Meier, it was decided council will submit to the Attorney and City Manager how they would like the ordinance to read. All councilmembers will have that to the respectful parties by May 13th, 2022. The 1st reading of the ordinance will be May 23, 2022.

Item 11: Water System Report

- UWS finished all except paving at Hwy 140 and Bartow
- All new meters have been installed
- No new work on Fate Conn Rd

Item 12: City Manager Report

- City Manager asked council how long we shall give the residents of Rampley Trail to pay for their water meter. Currently, we have only 6. After discussion it was decided that they must pay at least half if not all the meter by September 30th. If most all haven't paid by then monies will be returned to the parties that have paid.
- City Manager reported that she will decide about where the Christmas dinner will be held, but it will be December 6th at 6pm.

Item 13: City Attorney's Report

- Attorney John Meier reported on the code violations still out on 6171 Reinhardt College Pkwy. Per Marshall Gianfala – started as outdoor storage violation case. Marshall Staud met with the property owners and discussed the issues. The property owners at some point came into compliance (covered or removed to back of the property). A second complaint of an outdoor toilet system was reported. This is being investigated.
- Attorney John Meier reported about 7045 Reinhardt College Pkwy. As of 02 May 2022, Cherokee County Solicitor's Office has no record of official citations being issued on either of these matters. Marshall Gianfala reports Deputy Marshall King met with property owner. Property owner applied for a demolition permit. Permit is valid for 6 months. Citations cannot be issued for same violations giving rise to the initial investigation. Permit in file is dated 01 October 2021. Deputy Marshall issues a citation to appear in Magistrate Court on May 3, 2022. After citation issued, property owner applied for and was granted a building permit. Uncertain if case was heard by Magistrate Court. Deputy is checking to confirm if a building permit was requested.
- Attorney John Meier reported he spoke with Kevin Turner and the city still had plenty of time to get all the zoning done for the Package Sale of Distilled Spirits.
- Sale of Distilled Spirits:

- Resolution Initiating the referendum adopted. New IGA with Cherokee County Board of Elections adopted February 28, 2022.
- Resolution sent Cherokee County Board of Elections
 - A. A notice is published in the newspaper 2 weeks prior to the referendum election
- Combine with General Election/Primary pursuant to IGA with Cherokee County Board of Elections
- Election Certified by Cherokee County Board of Elections
 - B. City charter and Ordinance must be amended
 - City responsible for amending City Ordinances to provide for the retail sale of distilled spirits.
 - 1. Chapter 3 – Alcohol Beverages
 - Zoning – Districts and Permitted Uses must be established, or current districts must be expanded to include package sale of distilled spirits.
 - Timing issues and concerns

Item 14: Mayor’s Report

- No Report.

Item 15: Council Remarks
 Councilmember Bosch reported that Northside Hospital would like for the city to sign a support letter for them in regard to Anthem Blue Cross. She will have them send the letter to the city manager.

Item 16: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting
 Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

Item 17: Enter Executive Session for Future Acquisitions
 Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilmember Costales, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, approved by all members present.

Item 14: Adjourn Executive Session back into Regular Council Meeting
 Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn executive session back into regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.

Item 15: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting
 Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Lee Lamb, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF May, 2022.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:
Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk