



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2021**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Paul Ice, Pro Tem
Kristi Bosch, Councilmember
Dennis Cochran, Councilmember
Jon Costales, Councilmember
Vickie Boswell, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
John Meier, City Attorney
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
Jackson Nock, John Meier Law Firm
Bryan Watkins

Absent:
Lee Lamb, Councilmember
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

Sharon Romano spoke about a leak at her house (438 Bartow St.) for the 3rd time and is causing mold into her house. She was just looking for an answer from last meeting. City Manager Robyn Smith stated that she had called her to set up a time for Bryan to test her water. Bryan Watkins stated that he would come by and test her water after the meeting.

Shane Steveson presented to council that he had 13 people that want to connect to our water. City Manager Robyn Smith explained that our policy is that the city will split the cost of the line with them, and they must buy the meters before we start the line. City Manager is to check with Stanley Townsend to get a price to do this work.

Bryan Watkins spoke to council about testing of water. EPD has changed their action plan and has requested that he start testing Tier 1 houses, which is any house built between 1983-1988. After much research, he found 10 that he could test. He called those customers and they agreed to have their water tested. We are not sure where they took the samples from, but of those 10 two showed lead in the water. He stated that there is no way we have lead in our water because we buy our water from Cherokee County Water and City of Canton Water. The only way it would have lead is through their pipes, and we as the city cannot make them replace their pipes. EPD will be sending the city a brochure to mail to all customers on our water system informing them of this matter. Bryan will contact those 2 customers to find out where they took the sample from and if they want to be tested again. The brochure will give a phone number for any customer that wants their water tested at their cost.

Item 3: Review and Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2021 Meeting
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2021. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Review Auditor RFP
City Manager reported that Mauldin and Jenkins were the only bid that we received. She stated that they were higher than what we normally pay. Council will award the RFP at next meeting.

Item 5: Review and Approval of Quote for Paving
City Manager Robyn Smith stated that we have 2 quotes, 1 from Cherokee County for \$22,112.80 and 1 from United Concrete and Paving for \$24,090.00. Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to accept the quote from Cherokee County of \$22,112.80. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Water System Report

- Lamar Rogers reported that he had done a change order for the other streets for the GEFA loan. He stated that we will be \$30,000 over with this change.

Item 7: City Manager Report

- Reported that she spoke with Code Enforcement about 6171 Reinhardt College Pkwy and they had been notified to clean up their property.
- Reported that 7045 Reinhardt College Pkwy was obtaining a demolition permit for their property.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report

- On September 20, 2021, he had a phone conference with attorney Scott Zottneck about the open records that was submitted to the city. They

discussed the extent of the search as stated in the request. After discussion, Mr. Zottneck agreed their request was too broad. They are interested in matters in vicinity of Fincher Road and Baxter Circle. It was discussed that they check with Cherokee County Sheriff's office for incident reports. They will revise their request.

- After the meeting on the 13th, he had a phone conference with Geoff Morton. Mr. Morton stated he had no problem with 2019 CDBG accounting records as a result of the WSA settlement and return of the Angel House property to Waleska's water system. Mr. Morton stated that CDBG has more request that they can service.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

- Mayor talked with a deputy to address that house on Bartow St. with the parking, and now they are saying they can't enforce this.

Item 10: Council Remarks

No Report.

Item 11: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting to Executive Session - Litigation

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the council meeting to enter Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Adjourn Executive Session to return to Regular Council Meeting

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

Adjourn Regular Council Meeting to Executive Session - Litigation

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

Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Lamb asked for a motion to adjourn the council meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF October, 2021.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk