



**CITY OF WALSKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2021**

Present:

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Paul Ice, Pro Tem

Kristi Bosch, Councilmember

Jon Costales, Councilmember

Dennis Cochran, Councilmember

Vickie Boswell, Councilmember

Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager

John Meier, City Attorney

Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers

Absent:

Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline
Lee Lamb, Councilmember

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:

Review and Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2021 Meeting

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2021. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.

Item 4:

Review and Approval of SDS IGA with Cherokee County

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the SDS IGA. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 5:

Yard of the Month

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to appoint 514 Grady St for Yard of the Month. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Review and Approve a Representative for Citizens Advisory Committee
 Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to table the Representative for Citizens Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Boswell, and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Water System Report

- Lamar Rogers with Turnipseed Engineers reported that UWS is finished with all main work for the GFRA project. We have \$150,000-\$200,000 left on our loan.
- Lamar Rogers also mentioned that there is a grant for Septic to Sewer program. City Manger Robyn Smith will apply for the grant.

Item 8: City Manager Report

- 1166 Ammons Rd has a leak and their lines run under the road. When Stanley Townsend went out to look at leak, he told homeowner Mr. Sloan that if he would dig a trench that he would move his meter and save him \$7000 to fix the leak under the road. Mr. Townsend told Mr. Sloan that he would check with council at the next meeting to be sure they were ok with him doing that. Mr. Townsend never brought it to council. The next day, and days after Mr. Sloan called Stanley and Stanley never returned his call. So, at that time Mr. Sloan dug the trench and never got a response from Stanley. That trench cost Mr. Sloan \$672.00 to have dug. City Manager asked that the City of Waleska refund that money back to Mr. Sloan, a motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Costales, and approved by all members present.
- Councilmember Cochran made a motion to reclaim that line and move the 3 meters that are on Friendship Rd to the customers driveway at our expense, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present. City Manager was also asked to send a written notice to Mr. Horton who owns the line letting him know we are taking over the line.
- City Manager reported that 2 weeks ago on a Friday Stanley called and told me that City of Canton's tanks were dry, and we had 3 inches left in ours. After many phone calls and text, we finally got water to the tank and never ran out. City Manager asked where we were on that Council said we had approved buying more capacity and the cost, we were waiting on the easement, Lamar to check out pump station, and an agreement to be written. City Manager will get with Stanley and see where he is on these items.
- City Manager reported that with the SDS we did not get the project of paving that we had requested but was going to talk with Geoff Morton about it.
- City Manager reported that Kendall had called and there is a shortage of meters. We have 231 meters right now and will only be used for emergencies and new builds.

- City Manager reported that she had placed the new budget for 2021-22 at the desk. Look over them and email with any questions or concerns.
- City Manager reported that the Mayor had received a call about installing water lines on Geneva and Frances Rd. City Manager had Chris measure those roads so that she can get a quote from Stanley Townsend to do this. Geneva rd. is 2925ft and Frances rd. is 570ft.
- City Manager received a call from Tax Commissioner Sonya Little that their software system had processed the AD Valorum Tax to high and they had overpaid us by \$4600.00. She asked council if they just wanted to cut a check to Cherokee County for this over payment. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- City Manager reported that since we stopped recycling, the 2nd bin quantity has gone from 61 to 120.

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

- SDS should take place in the next 45 days
- City Attorney will contact CCWSA about a policy for more capacity

Item 10: Mayor's Report

- Mayor asked if we had checked the fence at the Chastain house to see if it was on ROW, no one had at this time. Lamar Rogers will ride by and check.
- Mayor reported that MUST Ministries is providing breakfast and lunch at Waleska United Methodist Church on Monday's 11:30-1:00

Item 11: Council Remarks

- Councilmember Bosch reported that the County had CDBG money for residents having tough time with rent. They can contact Laura Calfee or Councilmember Kristi Bosch at the county.
- Councilmember Boswell reported that there were a lot of limbs hanging over sidewalks and could Chris cut them down. City Manager stated she would get him to do that.

Item 12: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

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

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF June, 2021.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Robyn Smith
Robyn Smith, City Clerk