



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2025**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem
Eddie Blackwell - Councilmember
Peter Brown - Councilmember
Michael Greene - Councilmember
Logan Patrick - Councilmember
Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager
Lamar Rogers - Engineer
Chris Lumpkin - Water Manager
John Meier - City Attorney

Absent: Kristi Bosch - Councilmember

Item 1: Call to Order
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order, with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
Councilmember Greene gave the invocation.
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag.

Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing
Mr. Pack came before the council requesting a water line be run down Dixon Road. Mr. Pack pointed out that if a water line was run on this road that would make a loop from Fincher Road/Hwy. 108 to Reinhardt College Parkway. The council will take this request into consideration.

Ms. Considine revisited the subject of running a water line to her property located at 9125 and 9120 Reinhardt College Parkway. Ms. Considine was told by the council that if she runs the line, pays for all costs associated with this project and has Turnipseed Engineers inspect the work she is welcome to purchase a water meter from the city. Mr. Rogers suggested she install a 2" line. Mr. Rogers also cautioned that this is a state highway so she will need to do her due diligence as far as that goes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dahlbers who own the property located at 102 Chestnut Hill Drive, asked the council for permission to purchase and install a second water meter at this address. The council told the Dahberes to come to city hall, complete an application and that second meter would be installed.

Mr. Baker purchased a property located at 548 Sardis Circle. He and his builder asked the council for permission to purchase a water meter for the house Mr. Baker is planning on building. After discussion with Mr. Rogers, it was determined that Mr. Baker can purchase a water meter from the city. This will be house number nineteen on this water line on Sardis Circle. The most that line can support is twenty homes.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 21, 2025
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for July 21, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve Public Hearing Minutes for July 15, 2025, and July 22, 2025
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for July 15, 2025, and July 22, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Ordinance 12-84 – First Reading
There was a quick review of the ordinance by council, a motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell to waive the reading of the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present. The second reading of this ordinance will be on the next agenda.

Item 7: Ordinance 22-182 – First Reading
There was a quick review of the ordinance by council, a motion was made by Councilmember Greene to waive the reading of the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and approved by all members present. The second reading of this ordinance will be on the next agenda

Item 8: Abbington Hall Discussion with Cherokee County
Ms. Spayde with Cherokee County Planning and Zoning made a presentation on behalf of the county concerning the status of this project. Abbington Hall is nearing the final stages of approval through the county. There will be a 3-way controlled intersection with a stop sign and a crosswalk, the western side of the property will be replanted per the plans submitted, the retaining wall will be kept as is. There was a more in-depth discussion as to the retaining wall. Madam Mayor asked if something was to go wrong with the retaining wall, would the city be responsible for which the answer was yes as this wall was built on the right-of-way many years ago. The retaining wall has been inspected by several parties and appears to be in

good condition and appears to have been very well built. The plans for Abbington Hall and the Gaskins Engineering is making every attempt to stir construction away from this wall so as not to cause damage. The county requested that the City of Waleska sign off on a resolution agreeing to these three items. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell to approve and sign the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present. Mrs. Kirsch will assign this a resolution number, have the mayor sign and send this back to Cherokee County for their zoning packet.

Item 9: Quintana – Zoning Discussion with John and Cherokee County

This item will be tabled until the first meeting in September. The representatives from Cherokee County will be back for that discussion.

Item 10: Water Report

- Mr. Rogers informed the council that the water loss for July was a little over 18% with a yearly average of 19.45%.
- Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Kirsch discussed Rampley Trail and the possibility of running a water line on that road. Mrs. Kirsch received a call from Cherokee County last week stating that the road project they had been working on should be wrapped up in close to three weeks. Mrs. Kirsch was directed by the council to send a letter to every homeowner on Rampley Trail to see if there would be enough interest to justify the \$180,000.00 cost to run this line. Mrs. Kirsch and her staff will get these letters sent out along with a letter of commitment that Mr. Meier will send Mrs. Kirsch and report back to the council how many homeowners on this road are interested in city water.
- Mr. Lumpkin requested purchasing an automatic flush/chlorine device to be installed at the end of Sam Nelson Road. Mr. Lumpkin had a cost of \$2,300.00 for a mobile unit but the council would like him to also get a cost for one that would be installed permanently.

Item 7: City Manager's Report

- Mrs. Kirsch updated the council she had applied for and been approved for the LMIG FY26 grant through GDOT. The amount awarded to the City of Waleska was \$11,838.55 which will require a 30% match. Mrs. Kirsch will coordinate with Cherokee County about repaving Bartow Street and update the council at the next meeting as to the cost.
- After a discussion with the city council, it was decided that employees with the City of Waleska will be required to pay 30% of the health insurance premium starting September 5, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to require any employee of the City of Waleska seeking health insurance to pay 30% of the monthly premium which will be close to \$130.00/week. Mr. Cochran also stated that family insurance health insurance will not be covered by the city that if an employee wishes to add family members, they will pay 100% of that premium, the motion was

seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present.
Mrs. Kirsch will notify the staff tomorrow of this change and the timeframe
for implementation.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report
None

Item 9: Mayor's Report
None

Item 10: Council Remarks
None

Item 11: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF August, 2025.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Kim Kirsch
Kim Kirsch, City Clerk