



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2025**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem
Eddie Blackwell - Councilmember
Kristi Bosch - Councilmember
Peter Brown - Councilmember
Logan Patrick - Councilmember
Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager
Chris Lumpkin - Water Director
John Meier - City Attorney

Absent: Michael Greene - Councilmember
Lamar Rogers - Engineer

- Item 1: Call to Order**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order, with a quorum present.
- Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag
- Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing**
Ms. Lummus and Mr. & Mrs. Burger, whose homes are located on Cantrell Lane were in attendance. They inquired about having a third party install a water line. Mayor Lamb informed them that she had spoken with Dr. Flint and told him a third party could install a water line so long as they submitted plans to Turnipseed Engineering for review and that Turnipseed inspected all the work that is done.
- Ms. Considine and Mr. Thomas, who have a couple of homes near 9125 Reinhardt College Parkway, were in attendance. They inquired about the City of Waleska revamping their service agreement with CCWSA that would allow CCWSA/Cherokee County to run a line to their property. After much discussion it was decided that it would be best to have Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Lumpkin speak with Mr. Fowler with CCWSA about running a line, updating

our service agreement with CCWSA/Cherokee County, but having Waleska maintain the service area and not Cherokee County. Mrs. Kirsch will see if she can arrange a meeting with Mr. Fowler and perhaps have him attend the next council meeting to answer questions.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 23, 2025

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for June 23, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

The council also approved Public Hearing Meeting Minutes pertaining to the 2025-2026 Budget. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Cantrell Lane – discuss new water line, plans, inspections

This was addressed during Five Minute Public Hearing, Item #3. The homeowners were the only people to show up for the council meeting.

Item 6: Water Report

- Mr. Lumpkin updated the council that the city recorded a 19% water loss after the most recent billing cycle. Mr. Rogers confirmed these figures last week with Mrs. Kirsch.
- Mrs. Kirsch requested that the council consider allowing water cut-offs to be done on Thursday's. The current policy is no water cut-offs on Thursday's or Friday's. The council decided to keep following the current water cut-off policy as they want customers to have time to pay the bills and have the water cut back on before the weekends.

Item 7: City Manager's Report

- Mrs. Kirsch presented the plans for 480 Huey Barnes Lane. The council agreed these plans can proceed to Cherokee County for the permitting process.
- Mrs. Kirsch confirmed with the council that she can transfer \$1,000,000.00 from SPLOST to GA Fund 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Mrs. Kirsch updated the council on the variance status with Cherokee County concerning Abbington hall. Mr. Coogle appears to be working his way through the process. Mrs. Kirsch also received three invoices from Turnipseed Engineers concerning this project. Mrs. Kirsch sent those invoices to Mr. Coogle to pay as that was the agreement.

- Mrs. Kirsch received an email from Ms. Long with Cherokee County Planning & Zoning concerning property located at 6843 Reinhardt College Parkway. Ms. Long stated that Mr. Quintana is pursuing rezoning from GC to R-30. Her staff upon reviewing the project determined that the parcel does not meet the minimum requirements of the requested rezoning. The lot cannot be rezoned to R-30 and additionally there is no R-20 zoning district in the City of Waleska. After discussion it was determined that Mrs. Kirsch email Ms. Long and state that Mr. Quintana will need to bring the lot into compliance for R-30.
- Mrs. Kirsch let the council know that she is working on election prequalification documents for the three councilmembers that are up for reelection and to be on the lookout for those.
- Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Meier discussed the three required public meetings for mill rate. It was decided that the council will hold a public hearing at 6:30 on July 15th, 2025. There will be two meetings held on July 22, 2025, with the first meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the second meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Kirsch will send the updated ads to the tribune and post on the city's website.

Item 8: City Attorney's Report

- Mr. Meier informed the council that he is still working with Mrs. Kirsch on ordinance 12-84 and ordinance 22-182. Mr. Weaver has contacted Mrs. Kirsch and is aware it may be a few more weeks before this project is completed and ready for the council to read.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

None

Item 10: Council Remarks

Councilmember Blackwell strongly recommends the council members hold a workshop to address the personal handbook and in particular vacation and sick time. Everyone agreed this is a good idea and hope to have this scheduled by the end of summer.

Item 11: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF July, 2025.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Kim

Kim Kirsch, City Clerk