



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2025**

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

Absent:

- 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
Councilmember Greene gave the Invocation
- Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing**
Mr. Freeman came before the council to seek permission to run a water line to his address at 480 Huey Barnes Lane. Mr. Freeman's family owns the land on this lane and have given him permission to tie into their line. Mr. Freeman will run a line 500 feet in the right of way. Mr. Rogers suggested installing a 1" line.
- Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2025**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for June 9, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

- Item 5: Cantrell Lane – Dr. Flint, Mr. Blankenship – discuss water line**
This item was tabled as Dr. Flint nor Mr. Blankenship were at the council meeting.
- Item 6: Proposed Budge 25-26 Discussion and Budget Resolution**
The council had earlier discussions during the Public Hearing. The decision was made to increase residential water rates by \$5.00/month, water commercial base charge will increase on the 1.5" to 3" line to \$100.00, water commercial base charge will increase on the 4" line to \$140.00, water commercial base charge will increase on the 6" line to \$300.00. The mill rate will increase to 3.000. Street light fees will increase to \$9.00 a month which will impact 136 residents within the city. These rates will take effect July 1, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present to approve the proposed budget for 2025-2026. Resolution 2025-3 will be signed by the mayor.
- Item 7: Discuss Public Hearing Dates for Mill Rate Increase from County**
Mrs. Kirsch notified the council that she had sat down with staff at Cherokee County BOC. If a municipality increases the mill rate three public hearings are required. It was decided by the council to hold the first public hearing on July 7, 2025, at 6:30 PM. Two hearings will be held on July 21, 2025, with the first hearing at 6:30 PM and the second hearing at 6:45 PM. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present for the Public Hearings Schedule.
- Item 8: Derelict and Blighted Property – Attorney Updated Version, Second Reading**
Mr. Meier advised the council that he had made all edits necessary, and this ordinance is ready to move forward with approval. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present to approve this ordinance. Mr. Meier will send a clean copy to Mrs. Kirsch to have Mayor Lamb sign and send to municode to have codified.
- Item 9: Water Report**
- Mr. Rogers advised the council that he, Mr. Lumpkin, and a member of the maintenance staff at Reinhardt University, had conducted a thorough investigation of the campus water system. Mr. Rogers is still researching the ball field meters but feels like those meters will pass his inspection.

- Mr. Rogers mentioned that per the water purchase agreement with the City of Canton we can and should increase the rate we charge them by .35 cents per gallon. Mr. Rogers will confirm this amount and let Mrs. Kirsch know so she can update the city's software for billing purposes.
- Mr. Rogers suggested that Mr. Lumpkin install MXU's on 6 fire hydrant meters. Mr. Lumpkin will have that done by the next council meeting. This will help with reading in those areas.
- Mrs. Kirsch informed the council that she had requested that the City of Canton test their back flow on the Chestnut Hill meter per the water purchase agreement. Both the City of Waleska and City of Canton can make one request every twelve months per the water purchase agreement. The City of Canton provided a backflow device test report form in which the result was a passed inspection. City of Waleska tested our backflow a few weeks ago on this same vault meter and that inspection passed as well.
- Mrs. Kirsch let the council know that the Cherokee County Community Development had contacted her about a proposed 10 lot development on Sardis Circle. Per the communication with Cherokee County the original plan submitted was for a minor subdivision. Mrs. Kirsch emailed Mr. Rogers asking if there would be an issue with this large project. Mr. Rogers told the council that the city only has a 2" line on Sardis Circle and that size line will not support another development. After much discussion it was decided that Mrs. Kirsch respond to the county and to the engineer of this project that if the developer wanted to pay for the cost of plans, installation, and inspection the council would consider this. Mr. Rogers did say the line would need to be at least an 8" line and he must review the plans and perform all inspections. Mrs. Kirsch will notify the county and the engineer on the project.

Item 10: City Manager's Report

- Mrs. Kirsch advised the council that Mr. Weaver had contacted her about the status of his Public Input at the last council meeting and the status of his request to amend ordinance 12-84 and ordinance 22-182. Mrs. Kirsch advised Mr. Weaver that she is working with Mr. Meier on these ordinances, but it would take a few weeks due to budget deadline, end-of-year deadline and the amount of time and research that is required to prepare these for the council to review. Mr. Weaver said he is acceptable to an end of summer deadline.
- Mrs. Kirsch advised the council that she had done a lot of research on the mobile pump station that has been in the city hall parking lot for several years. Mrs. Kirsch and Mrs. Smith were able to track down what

the city paid for the pump station. Mrs. Kirsch has reached out to a few engineers, govedeals.com, and a local water installation company. Mrs. Kirsch expects an offer sooner than later and will advise the council what amount a potential buyer comes up with for the council to approve or deny.

- Mrs. Kirsch presented a house plan for a new home on Byers Street, a new home on A Donald Road, and a couple of pool plans for Cable Road. The council agreed these plans can proceed to Cherokee County permitting department for review. Mrs. Kirsch will advise her staff they can sell water meters for the new homes.
- Mrs. Kirsch informed the council that she had discovered termites in the gazebo. The council approved a quote of \$600.00 through SurGuard Exterminating, Inc. to treat for termites.
- Mrs. Kirsch informed the council that she had found an old contract between the City of Waleska and Reinhardt University in relation to the banners on light poles. This agreement was entered into October 13, 2016, and was for a 12-month period. To Mrs. Kirsch's knowledge, any banners purchased after that were the sole responsibility of Reinhardt University.

Item 11: City Attorney's Report

- Mr. Meier informed the council that he will work with Mrs. Kirsch on ordinance 12-84 and ordinance 22-182 in the coming weeks.
- Mr. Meier will have the final draft of the Derelict and Blighted Property ordinance ready for Mayor Lamb to sign tomorrow.

Item 12: Mayor's Report

Mayor Lamb let the council know the date of the meeting with the county to discuss TSPLOST. This meeting will be held on Monday, June 30th. Ms. Bosch said the county is requesting a half-penny TSPLOST increase. These funds would be for roads only.

Item 13: Council Remarks

None

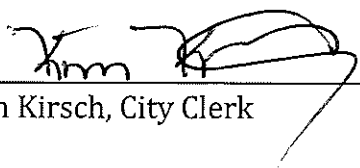
Item 14: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF July, 2025.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:



Kim Kirsch, City Clerk