



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2024**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Eddie Blackwell, Councilmember
Peter Brown, Councilmember
Michael Greene, Councilmember
Logan Patrick, Councilmember
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Kim Kirsch, City Clerk/Manager
Chris Lumpkin, Water Maintenance
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
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/Innovation

Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

Item 3: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 7, 2024

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for October 7, 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Patrick, and approved by all members present.

Item 4: Five Minute Public Hearing

- None

Item 5: Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week

- Mayor Mary Helen Lamb presented a request for Red Ribbon Week Proclamation that was submitted by a student in Cartersville, GA. The dates are from October 23rd – October 31st, 2024. A motion was made

by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Consideration to repeal Code: Sec. 16-50. Weapons; discharge in city.

- This was the first reading to adopt repealing this code. Attorney John Meier will draw up language for the second reading on November 4, 2024. At that point the council can vote on this request.

Item 7: Water System Report

- Lamar has investigated the possible issues of Cherokee County installing a fire hydrant on Hwy. 140. Lamar found a closed valve north of Sam Nelson Road. He found that there is a mixture of 2-inch and 3-inch lines between Sardis and Darby Road. This could be the reason that valve was closed as having a smaller line connected to larger lines could cause some of the older pipes to “blow-out”. The council asked what the fix could be. Lamar stated that at this point there is not a fix unless you replace all the 1-inch lines in that area.
- Chris is flushing Sam Nelson Road on a regular basis. He reported the city is losing approximately 475,000 – 500,000 gallons of water a month.
- Chris reported there is a small leak on Dry Pond Road. GWI has been to the site and is in the process of bidding how much those valve repairs will cost.
- Lamar is in contact with GEFA as to funds we may have available for repairs. The original deadline to receive those funds was in May and then it changed to August. As of now he is still waiting for a firm date and amount from them.
- Lamar discussed the bids for Project No. 242748, Service Line Inventory. The lowest bid was for \$40,800.00, presented by Gaines Utility Construction Company, LLC out of Mobile, Alabama. Turnipseed Engineers do recommend this company as they have adequate experience, technical ability and financial capability to complete the project. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.
- Lamar advised Cherokee County Fire Department has approved the plat for the subdivision going in on Darby Road.

Item 8: City Manager’s Report

- Kim Kirsch updated the council that she had spoken with Reinhardt College about having 100 chairs for the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2nd.

- Kim Kirsch mentioned she and Chis Lumpkin had been in communication with the property owner of 2759 Reinhardt College Pkwy. about asphaltting in front of their store. There was a line repair done at that location by the city in 2022. Where the line was dug up was replaced with gravel and they want that to be asphalt. Kim is in communication with Cherokee County and will keep everyone updated on that cost if any and estimated date of repair if cost is approved. The measurements are 24 feet x 4 feet.

Item 9: City Attorney Report

- Petition for Annexation – 75 acres at Cable Road. This is a 50 Home Site development being developed by FR Peachtree LLC. – Approved. Need IGA with Cherokee County for section of Cable Road with city limits property on both sides of the road.
- Petition for Annexation – 6.37 acres +/- being developed by TIG Custom Homes, LLC – 60% method. The council discussed drawing up a consent and presenting it to the developer. Property owners also need to have certification and agree to pay the fees associated with this project as well as agree to manage the project once started. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present. John will start work on this.
- Fincher Road Water Line Easements – John will draft a letter to be prepared for the property owner. The Easement Agreement modified to include just the permanent easement.

Item 10: Mayor's Report

- Nothing to report

Item 11: Council Remarks

- Councilmember Greene mentioned receiving what appears to be a phishing email from the mayor's work email address. Kim Kirsch was asked to contact our IT support team and follow up at the next meeting.

Item 12: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

Item 13: Enter into Executive Session for Personnel

Item 14: Adjourn Executive Session

Item 15: Enter into Regular Council Meeting

Item 16: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF November, 2024.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Kirsch

Kim Kirsch, City Clerk