



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2025**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Eddie Blackwell - Councilmember
Peter Brown - Councilmember
Dennis Cochran - 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**
None
- Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 18, 2025**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for August 18, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all members present.
- Item 5: Constitution Week Proclamation 2025**
Mrs. Kirsch presented the Proclamation 2025 sent to her by Ms. Healey. Mayor Lamb signed the Constitution Week Proclamation 2025. Mrs. Kirsch will send this back to Ms. Healey.

Item 6: Ordinance 12-84 – Adopt

A motion was made to adopt this ordinance as amended by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Ordinance 22-182 – Adopt

A motion was made to adopt this ordinance as amended by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present.

Item 8: Cherokee County – Quintana property discussion

Mr. Quintana and Ms. Long, with Cherokee County Planning and Zoning, were in attendance to discuss Mr. Quintana's property located at 6843 Reinhardt College Parkway. Currently the property is zoned commercial. In the past it was zoned residential. The property went from residential to commercial in hopes Mr. Quintana could find someone interested in opening a business at this location. Mr. Quintana had been working through the process to take this property back to residential. During this time there has been an individual approach Mr. Quintana about opening a Chiropractic Office in this location. The council agreed to postpone the vote for non-conforming use until the October 6th council meeting. This will give Mr. Quintana time to either finalize a lease with the gentleman wanting to open the Chiropractic Office or to proceed with the non-conforming use application with Cherokee County.

Item 9: IGA with Cherokee County – Rampley Trail

A discussion was had by the council concerning the IGA with Cherokee County. In the opinion of Mr. Rogers, with Turnipseed Engineers and all council members present and Mr. Meier, the county cannot dictate to the City of Waleska that a water line must be installed. Mr. Rogers gave the distance from Sam Nelson Road to Hulsey Trail, Rampley Ct., Patriot, Liberty, and Eagles Trail. The estimated cost to run the line to the end of Rampley would cost around \$1.5 million. The City of Waleska does not have the funds available for this type of project currently. No plans were ever submitted to Cherokee County by Turnipseed Engineers, only a price sheet/project estimate which is listed as Exhibit "A" in the IGA dated September 5, 2023. Mr. Rogers will continue to try and reach the county manager to discuss this project.

Item 10: Water Report

- Mr. Lumpkin reported to the council that the current water loss stands at 7.80%. This is a trajectory the city will strive to maintain.
- Mr. Rogers stated he has completed his review of the Abbington Hall project and sees no reason to not approve the water portion of the permit. Mrs. Kirsch will let the staff at Cherokee County know that the council and Turnipseed Engineers approved the water portion of the plans submitted.
- Mr. Rogers is in communication with the owners of 9120 and 9125 Reinhardt College Parkway. It will be up to the owners to pay for all that is required to run a water line to their home and rental home. Mr. Rogers

will be inspecting the work if they do decide to continue with the installation.

- Mr. Lumpkin reported that Cherokee County Fire Station #6 and #12 both reported zero water use for the month.
- Mr. Lumpkin and Mrs. Kirsch have been working on obtaining estimates for an automatic flushing system for Sam Nelson Road. Kendall Supply's estimate is between \$13,500 to \$15,000.00. Mr. Lumpkin and Mrs. Kirsch will reach out to a few more vendors for quotes as this seems a bit high.

Item 11: City Manager's Report

- Mrs. Kirsch updated the council on an accident that Mr. Newberry was involved in a few days ago. Mr. Newberry was not at fault. He was hit behind by another driver who was on her cell phone. Mrs. Kirsch does have a copy of the police report. Mrs. Kirsch stated she is working with insurance companies but believes the vehicle will be totaled. Mrs. Kirsch will keep the council updated as she gets more information. In the meantime, Mrs. Kirsch is getting bids for a new city work vehicle.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented the council with copies of the June and July Cash and Investment Balances as well as the Income Statements for those two months. The City of Waleska looks to be in good shape according to these reports. Councilmember Cochran requested Mrs. Kirsch provide an update on the loan(s) the city currently has at the next council meeting.
- Mrs. Kirsch asked the council for permission to purchase a new computer for the drive-thru location at city hall. Currently that computer has zero storage left. Mrs. Kirsch and staff have worked with VC3 to clean up what is there and try and make it work. A new computer installed is \$1,492.00. A motion was made to approve this purchase by councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present. Mrs. Kirsch will let the salesman at VC3 know ASAP.

Item 12: City Attorney's Report

Mr. Meier will stay updated with the Quintana property situation.

Item 13: Mayor's Report

Mayor Lamb reminded the council of the dinner on the 11th from 6pm – 8pm.

Item 14: Council Remarks

None

Item 15: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF September, 2025.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Kirsch

Kim Kirsch, City Clerk