



**CITY OF WALESKA  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2025**

**Present:** Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor  
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem  
Eddie Blackwell - Councilmember  
Kristi Bosch - Councilmember  
Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager  
Lamar Rogers - Engineer  
John Meier - City Attorney

**Absent:** Peter Brown - Councilmember, Michael Greene - Councilmember,  
Logan Patrick - 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**  
Mayor Lamb led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing**  
None
- Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025**  
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for October 20, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Item 5: 7045 Reinhardt College Parkway - discussion**  
Ms. Erra, who has power-of-attorney for 7045 Reinhardt College Parkway attended a phone conference call along with her realtor. Several scenarios were discussed in relation to this property and ways that it can be developed. The property is currently zoned R-30 per Cherokee County. Mrs. Kirsch advised Ms. Erra and her realtor to keep in mind that Waleska does not have sewer, only septic. Mrs. Kirsch, along with Mr. Meier and the council advised Ms. Erra the property needs to be either demolished or brought up to current building codes. Ms. Erra and her realtor will have further discussion on her options and if she would like to pursue rezoning

the property to commercial. There will be a follow-up discussion at the next council meeting. Mrs. Kirsch has given Ms. Erra every contact she will need at the county.

**Item 6: Abbington Hall – discussion**

Mrs. Kirsch advised the council that she had reached out to Cherokee County planning and zoning with a list of questions about this project. The property is zoned O-I (Office-Institutional), there will be 49 apartments that will be 1 and 2 bedrooms. This is considered a “senior living apartment” which means anyone over the age of 55 can be a renter. There was a question brought up about parking. Mrs. Kirsch will reach back out to Cherokee County to get clarification on the parking situation for that many renters. The City of Waleska does not allow parking on Grady Street and there are signs posted to that effect. Another concern is that people under the age of 55 will be living in these apartments. Councilmember Bosch reminded the council that residents can be turned into DHS if they break the agreement.

**Item 7: Water Report**

- Mr. Rogers handed out plans for a water system improvement that will involve obtaining a permanent easement at the Fire Station on Hwy. 108 and a temporary easement across the street that will go a short distance. Mr. Meier will work with a title company to make sure there are no lines on these properties and then communicate with Mr. Rogers.
- Mr. Rogers discussed a meeting he had with Mr. Carl Hawthorne about a potential development between the 4-way stop and Lake Arrowhead just past the bridge. Mr. Hawthorne had also had a meeting with the mayor and Mrs. Kirsch a few weeks back in which the developer was also in attendance along with Mr. Fowler with CCWSA. Mr. Rogers will continue to monitor the situation and stay in touch with CCWSA and Lake Arrowhead. There will be a need for a tank and thus a pump station. The current discussion with Mr. Hawthorne is that the cost would hopefully be split four ways if all parties agree.
- Mr. Lumpkin updated the council that the water loss this month was 0% but to keep in mind there is a week to week and a half difference in the city's billing and CCWSA but nevertheless Waleska has made drastic improvements.
- Mrs. Kirsch asked the council for approval of the purchase of another location device for the 811 tickets. The cost would be \$1,800.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch to approve this purchase and seconded by Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present.
- Mr. Lumpkin and Mrs. Kirsch expressed their thanks to the mayor and council for the recent purchase of a new city utility truck, logos to go on the truck, a sprayed in bedliner, and top-grade seat covers. This is an asset to the City of Waleska, and the staff will keep this truck in top condition.

- Mrs. Kirsch was able to run an ad in the paper per Mr. Rogers in reference to the construction of water system improvements for GA Hwy. 108. This ad will run twice. Mr. Rogers will let the council know what contractors respond with a bid.
- Mrs. Kirsch asked the council for approval to repave a small area in front of city hall. This area was dug up several weeks back due to an old well line water leak. Mrs. Kirsch presented a bid from Pierce Paving whom the city has used in the past. The bid was in the amount of \$3,200.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran to approve the bid, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell and approved by all members present. Mrs. Kirsch will communicate with Mr. Pierce and have this project completed this week.

**Item 8: City Manager's Report**

- Mrs. Kirsch presented the financial account summary and income statement to the council. Councilmember Cochran asked why there are two lines in the General Fund for Street Lights and two lines for Postage. Mrs. Kirsch noticed when she prepared the budget several months ago that there had been two-line items for several years. Mrs. Kirsch will communicate with Mrs. Bembry as to a solution.

**Item 9: City Attorney's Report**

Mr. Meier asked Mrs. Kirsch to reach out to Cherokee County about written confirmation of non-conforming use that was approved by the council in relation to the Quintana property.

**Item 10: Mayor's Report**


There was discussion about the tree lighting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Item 11: Council Remarks**

Councilmember Blackwell asked the council to think about an increased spending limit for Mrs. Kirsch. Currently her spending limit is \$300.00, which all council members in attendance agreed is too low. There will be more discussion about this at the next council meeting.

**Item 12: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting**

APPROVED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2025.

  
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 Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest:   
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 Kim Kirsch, City Clerk