



CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2026

Present:

Mary Helen Lamb – Mayor

Dennis Cochran – Pro Tem

Michael Greene – Councilmember

Walt Cook – Councilmember

Eddie Blackwell – Councilmember

Peter Brown – Councilmember

Kristi Bosch – Councilmember

Lauren Garrett – City Clerk

Kathryn Hurley – Associate Attorney Representing the City Attorney

Chris Lumpkin – Water Maintenance Manager

Absent:

Lamar Rogers – Engineer

Item 9: Water System Report

Chris reported that water system operations were running smoothly. Council then reviewed the American Tank Maintenance service agreement, which was included in the approved budget. Councilmember Greene moved to approve the services, Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chris also updated Council on the new meter reading software implementation, stating the system was operating well and improving efficiency.

Chris advised Council that the water loss report is still pending as they are awaiting final information from Kevin following a conference attendance. An update will be provided once the report is completed.

Discussion was held regarding a shared water meter situation at 1165 Bartow Street involving multiple properties connected to a single meter. Council discussed ordinance requirements for separate meters, possible notification letters to the property owners, and compliance options moving forward.

Item 10: City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk reported that the Financial and Administrative Clerk position had been posted and several applications and resumes were received. After reviewing applicants and conducting interviews, the City Clerk recommended Angela Sanders for the position based on her experience and qualifications.

Motion to make an offer of employment to Angela Sanders for the Financial and Administrative Clerk position made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11: City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney discussed the process for adoption of the Sign Ordinance and Telecommunications Ordinance. Council was advised that both ordinances are considered zoning ordinances and must go through the Cherokee County Planning Department and Planning Commission review process, including required public hearings and notice procedures, before returning to Council for final consideration and adoption.

The proposed timeline includes presentation to the Cherokee County Planning Commission work session in May, a public hearing in June, and return to Council for a public hearing and second reading on June 15.

Item 12: Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that Nancy Waters' first day went well and that landscaping and mowing activities were underway throughout the city. Discussion was also held regarding future planting and beautification efforts.

Item 13: Council Remarks

Councilmember Brown discussed regulations regarding the operation of side-by-sides and recreational vehicles on city streets. Discussion among council included current state law requirements, ordinances in other municipalities, and the possibility of reviewing the City's ordinance related to golf carts and side-by-side vehicles.

Item 14: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF May, 2026.



Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest



Lauren Garrett, City Clerk