



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2026**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem
Eddie Blackwell – Councilmember
Kristi Bosch - Councilmember
Peter Brown – Councilmember
Michael Greene - Councilmember
Walt Cook – Councilmember
Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager
Brandon Bowen- City Attorney
Chris Lumpkin – Water Maintenance Manager
Dr. Roberts – President of Reinhardt College

Absent: Lamar Rogers - Engineer

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 delivered the invocation.

Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing
John Longino came to ask the city to partner with them to file a lawsuit against Windstream.

Dr. Roberts asked for a letter of support for Reinhardt Receiving Federal Monies for the repair of their sewer plant.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve letter for support. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all members present.

Mayor asked Dr. Roberts to have Reinhardt Police to direct traffic after Falany Center Events.

- Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for February 9, 2026. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved by all members present.
- Item 5: Cross-Connection Ordinance/ Policy -Water System – First Reading**
Attorney Bowen has first reading for Cross-Connection Ordinance/ Policy -Water System
- Item 6: Water Report**
Chris Lumpkin reported to Mayor and Council that everything is looking good. Colby from Stanco reported about Sardis Circle and Sardis Road, where the 3 meters are. He also stated the man on Sardis Road has requested a meter, there is a 2 inch line there. He suggested that the City should run a 6 inch line from Hwy 140 to the Church, and then to Theodore Cox Circle. The 6 inch line would provide fire protection for all customers. The total cost at most is \$255,000, plus engineering cost. Colby stated that setting a hydrant at the church and go to Theodore Cox the cost could be cut to around \$215,000. Motion was made by councilmember Cochran to go ahead with project for under \$250,000, seconded by Councilmember Blackwell, and approved by all members present.
- Item 7: City Manager’s Report**
Kim Kirsch suggested the new water clerks starting salary should be \$20 hourly, which is what Lauren Garrett started at.
- Item 8: City Attorney’s Report**
Attorney Mr. Bowen talked about the purchasing agreement. They have a draft for that. Requesting that the city adopt a new ordinance for cell towers. Attorney Bowen requested we adopt a moratorium for the cell towers. Motion was made by councilmember Greene approved and seconded by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all members present.
- Item 9: Mayor’s Report**
The Mayor received a call from new CEO Board of Education & Superintendent notified the Mayor that they would like to come to a meeting.
- Item 10: Council Remarks**
Council agreed that the signs look good. Councilmember Blackwell reported that he will not be at the March 16 meeting.
- Item 11: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting**
A motion was made to adjourn regular council meeting by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch and approved by all members present.

Item 12: Enter Executive Session

Item 13: Adjourn Executive Session

A motion was made to adjourn executive council meeting by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Green and approved by all members present.

Item 14: Enter Regular Council Meeting

Item 15: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2026.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Lauren Garrett
Lauren Garrett, City Clerk