



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2025**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem
Kristi Bosch - Councilmember
Peter Brown - Councilmember
Michael Greene - Councilmember
Logan Patrick - Councilmember
Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager
Lamar Rogers - Engineer
John Meier - City Attorney

Absent: Eddie Blackwell - 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 November 10, 2025**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for November 10, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Bosch, and approved by all members present.
- Item 5: Sgt. Burgan – Marshal's Office – Discuss IGA**
Sgt. Burgan with Cherokee County Marshal's Office gave a presentation to city council that included common code enforcement citations. Mr. Meier questioned why the Waleska code of ordinance was not noted on violations issued by the Marshal's Office, only Cherokee County ordinance violations were documented. Sgt. Burgan will communicate with his superior and report back to the city.

Item 6: Committees, Boards & Authorities Review 2026

The mayor and council reviewed the 2026 Committees, Boards, & Authorities. For Streets-Roads the Chairperson is Logan Patrick. Mr. Patrick will no longer be on the city council as of the first of the year. At that time when a new person is elected via special election, they will fill this seat.

Item 7: 9425 Reinhardt College Pkwy.

Mr. Lumpkin was asked by the homeowners of 9425 Reinhardt College Parkway to request that the city council of Waleska relinquish this property to CCWSA for water service. Currently the home has a well that has had a catastrophic failure and the residents are without water. This property sits next to where CCWSA has a water line. Due to the emergency/hardship situation and the health conditions of the occupants of the home an exception is going to be made and allow this resident to switch to CCWSA for water service. Mr. Hensley with CCWSA sent Mrs. Kirsch a letter requesting permission for the city council of Waleska to relinquish this address to them. Mr. Meier stressed this is only being approved due to extreme emergency circumstances. Mrs. Kirsch will keep all documentation in relation to this property. Mrs. Kirsch will respond to Mr. Hensley with CCWSA tomorrow stating the council did approve of this. A motion was made to approve by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene, opposed by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all other members present.

Item 8: Water Report

- Mrs. Kirsch let the council know the water loss for November was 25%. That is up a bit from the last three months. Mrs. Kirsch stated there have been a handful of water leaks and that she is working with the rest of the staff on more detailed reports. The goal is to have ample time to research the hi/low use reports immediately after Mr. Lumpkin completes the readings and then have Mr. Lumpkin and Mr. Newberry investigate the issues and correct them at a more rapid pace and before the billing date.
- Mrs. Kirsch let the city council know that there is a request for a letter from the developer working at Byrd Mountain Lane to issue a letter stating that the City of Waleska has water there and that the sewer is greater than 500 feet. There will be five developed lots and homes that will sit on those lots range from 2100 sq. ft. to 3,000 sq. ft. Mrs. Kirsch asked Mr. Rogers if he was okay with this letter being sent. Mr. Rodgers did not see any problem with sending the letter. Mrs. Kirsch will send the letter to the developer tomorrow.
- Mrs. Kirsch has been communicating with a developer that works with Atlee Property Group, Inc. This development will be located on Talc Mine Drive which is directly south of Sam Nelson Road. The developer is planning on building 120 single family homes. Currently the City of Waleska has a water line on Sam Nelson Road but not on Talc Mine Road. The lots/parcels will be less than an acre each so the question of sewer vs. septic came up. More to come on this development.

- Mrs. Kirsch asked permission from the city council to purchase Hunter Newberry a blue box and a hockey puck to help read meters. The price for both is \$1,370.00 and will be purchased from Kendall Supply. A motion was made to approve this purchase by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Cochran and approved by all members present. Mrs. Kirsch will order those tomorrow.
- Mrs. Kirsch expressed concern over the issue of the SCADA system freezing up this time of year. SCADA reads the water levels on the tanks. In her research she has been told by engineers and others in the water business that you can protect the SCADA control panel by insulating them within a hot box and wrapping them with heat tape. To do this, you need at least 110V to plug the heat tape in. Mrs. Kirsch has contacted an electrician to give a bid to run electricity to the three tanks on the city's system and is reaching out to a couple of vendors for prices on the hot boxes. Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Lumpkin will come back to council once they have things more nailed down with pricing.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented information to the city council regarding purchasing 100 meters from Delta Municipal Supply. The meters would be Neptune and cost \$234.50 each. The cost of installing the meters is \$6,000.00 and can be done within 3-4 days. This could be the first step in a pilot program with this company. If the City of Waleska decided to stay with Kendall Supply these meters could be used with their software as well so the city would not lose that money. The council will give this some consideration.

Item 9: City Manager's Report

- Mrs. Kirsch advised city council that the duplicate line items in the budget/balance sheets for: streetlights and postage have been corrected.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented house plans for 1699 Darby Road and 1705 Darby Road. The council agreed that the builder can proceed to Cherokee County for the rest of the permitting process. Mrs. Kirsch will send them a letter and let the builder know.
- Mrs. Kirsch requested that the council consider having a couple of work sessions first of next year to focus on the employee handbook and policy in general. The city council agreed.
- Mrs. Kirsch was asked at the last council meeting to investigate the flashing crosswalk lights at Reinhardt University. Mrs. Kirsch had Mr. Newberry go out the next morning and check them. They all work if you press the buttons. City staff have noticed that on multiple occasions pedestrians will cross the road without hitting the button to activate the flashers.

- Mrs. Kirsch is in contact with the owner of 7045 Reinhardt College Parkway and their builder. Demolition is scheduled to be completed on all three structures by the end of January 2026.

Item 10: City Attorney's Report

- Mr. Meier mentioned there needs to be a City Limit sign posted on Cable Road. Mr. Lumpkin will work with Cherokee County GIS and have this sign installed.
- Mr. Meier suggested working with Cherokee County through an IGA in relation to the maintenance of the section of Cable Road within city limits.

Item 11: Mayor's Report

The mayor thanked everyone for their work on the tree lighting.

Item 12: Council Remarks

None

Item 13: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF January, 2026

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Kim Kirsch
Kim Kirsch, City Clerk