



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2025**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem
Eddie Blackwell - Councilmember
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:

- 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, and Mayor Lamb led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing**
None
- Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 6, 2025**
Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for October 6, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Item 5: Quintana Property Discussion – 6843 Reinhardt College Parkway**
Catherine Long with Cherokee County Planning and Zoning presented the change to non-conforming, residential use for this property location to the council. A motion was made to approve this change by councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Rampley Trail Water Line Discussion

Mr. Meier discussed with council all prior documentation concerning the possible installation of a water line on Rampley Trail going back to February 7, 2022. These documents were in the form of prior council meeting minutes. In none of these documents or discussions did the City of Waleska agree to sign a contract or commit to installing a water line on Rampley Trail.

Item 7: Water Report

- Mr. Lumpkin discussed a leak on 885 Smith Road. Mr. Lumpkin and Allen with Stanco had contacted Mrs. Kirsch a few days ago about a couple of possible solutions. A decision was made that stopped the buildup of water in the customers' driveway.
- Mrs. Kirsch let Mr. Rogers and the council know she had reached out to Cherokee County about their plans for Sardis Circle. Mr. Ralston emailed Mrs. Kirsch that Sardis Circle is going through the Engineering Department to have plans drawn up, ROW obtained, etc. The county will probably mill up the street when they widen it out but no more than a few inches. Mr. Rogers is working on a list of water line projects for the city to look at and consider. His information will include the necessity level as well as the cost for each project. Once the council receives this information, they will be able to make an informed decision on what project needs to be completed first. Mr. Meier reminded everyone that any project that costs more than \$100,000.00 must go out for bid.
- Mrs. Kirsch let the council know she had received an email from Cherokee County Development Projects stating there will be one home built on an 18-acre parcel on Sardis Circle and to be looking for that house plan.

Item 8: City Manager's Report

- Mrs. Kirsch updated the council on Reinhardt University splitting the cost of new Welcome to Waleska signs. The University very much appreciated the city reaching out to them but at this time they respectfully decline to split the cost to have their name included.
- Mrs. Kirsch told the council that VC3 cannot do a software update on the server. The city will need to replace that server. VC3 is working up a quote for that and Mrs. Kirsch will bring that back to council for approval as soon as she receives it.
- Mrs. Kirsch is still trying to have the password reset on one of the Councilmember's I-pads. These I-pads are around seven years old based on paperwork found at city hall. Mrs. Kirsch will also look into pricing on Amazon and VC3 and get back with the council on options.
- Mrs. Kirsch let the council know that the city received a check for the city truck that was involved in an accident on September 2nd, for \$7,011.51. That check was deposited in the water fund account.

- Mrs. Kirsch updated the council that she and Mr. Lumpkin had both registered for the government website that has vehicles for sale. Both Mr. Lumpkin and Mrs. Kirsch are waiting for the vetting process to take place so they can enter that website. This could be a while with the government shutdown. Mrs. Kirsch has received several quotes from dealerships in the area and Days Chevrolet in Jasper has the best pricing for either a 2500 or a 3500 4x4 utility truck. The 2500 is \$62,000.00 and the 3500 is close to \$70,000.00. This would be to replace the work truck that was totaled. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell to let Mrs. Kirsch purchase a new work truck from Days Chevrolet with the spending limit of \$71,000.00. This was seconded by Councilmember Brown and approved by all members present.

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

Mr. Meier discussed the process for the property located at 7045 Reinhardt College Parkway. Mrs. Kirsch will need to locate a licensed contractor and a licensed/certified home inspector to go to the property. Mrs. Kirsch will need to contact the homeowner about permission for these folks to be on the property. If the homeowner does not allow this inspection to happen Mr. Meier will work with Mrs. Kirsch on a certified mailing to the homeowner to get the ball rolling on legal procedures that are in line with the city's ordinance for derelict and blighted properties.

Item 10: Mayor's Report

- Madam Mayor asked Mrs. Kirsch about a recent mailing that went out concerning past due property taxes. Mrs. Kirsch advised the council that she and Mrs. Bembry had pulled a list of past due taxes and mailed those out as there has not been an attempt to collect those in years. Mrs. Kirsch also let the council know that she and Mrs. Bembry had worked together to pull a list of businesses within city limits through the Secretary of State's website and mailed out blank Occupation Tax applications and a letter to complete and bring to city hall and pay the fees to be licensed to do business. There are several "at home" businesses in city limits that do not have business licenses. This will be revenue for the general fund.
- Madam Mayor reminded everyone about her church's trunk-or-treat the Wednesday before Halloween.
- Madam Mayor mentioned she had received a call about a month ago stating that Abbington Hall is going to be low-income housing. A couple of other councilmembers also commented they had received calls in the last couple of days stating the same thing. The council's understanding all this time has been that this facility was going to be assisted living for seniors. Mrs. Kirsch will reach out to the Cherokee County and update the council.

Item 11: Council Remarks

Councilmember Greene mentioned the spam text that is going around with his photo and a statement claiming he is asking the community to contact him with any concerns. This is spam/phishing.

Item 12: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF November, 2025.

Mary Helen Lamb
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Kim Kirsch
Kim Kirsch, City Clerk