



**CITY OF WALESKA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 20, 2026**

**Present:**

**Mary Helen Lamb – Mayor**

**Dennis Cochran – Pro Tem**

**Michael Greene – Councilmember**

**Walt Cook - Councilmember**

**Eddie Blackwell – 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**

**Peter Brown – Councilmember**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Item 2: Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was delivered followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 3: Five Minute Public Input**

None.

**Item 4 Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greene and seconded by Councilmember Cochran to approve the April 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

**Item 5: Yard of the Month**

Council considered nominations for Yard of the Month and recognized Nancy Waters for her outstanding efforts in improving the appearance of her property. The property was noted for its significant transformation and upkeep. A motion to award Nancy the Yard of the Month recognition was made by councilmember Greene, seconded by Council member Blackwell, and approved unanimously.

**Item 6: Farmers Market**

Council approved the Farmer's Market to begin the first Thursday in May, including City support for a portable restroom and a revised vendor fee of \$5 per market per vendor. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene and seconded by Councilmember Cochran. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 7: Audit Services for FY2026–FY2030 – Recommendation and Council Consideration**

Council reviewed proposals for audit services for FY2026–FY2030. Following discussion, Rushton was recommended as the best fit. A motion was made by Councilmember Bosch, seconded by Councilmember Greene, and approved.

**Item 8: FY26 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Resolution - Amend the FY26 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Council reviewed the FY26 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Resolution. Staff provided an overview of adjustments to revenues and expenditures across multiple funds, including the General Fund, SPLOST Fund, Water Fund, and Sanitation Fund.

Key adjustments included updates to insurance premium tax revenues, state grant allocations, streetlight fees, and personnel-related expenditures. Staff also discussed reallocation of certain budget line items and noted a projected deficit in the General Fund to be offset by reserves.

In the Water Fund, adjustments included grant revenue, non-payment fees, and consideration of a water tank maintenance contract. Additional updates were provided regarding fund balances and anticipated revenues.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell and seconded by Councilmember Greene to approve the FY26 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 9: Water System Report**

Staff provided updates on water system operations, including upcoming projects, meter reading scheduling, and reporting improvements. Discussion was held regarding after-hours service options, with additional information to be provided at a future meeting.

**Item 10: City Clerk's Report**

None.

**Item 11: City Attorney's Report**

The City Attorney reported that the sign ordinance is in progress and expected for the next meeting. An updated telecommunications ordinance will be provided. Council discussed signage regulations and confirmed no current prohibition on electronic signs.

**Item 12: Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported receiving positive feedback from the community regarding the City's signage improvements. Additional enhancements to city signage are planned.

Staff reported that all pre-employment requirements have been completed for a new hire, Nancy Waters, who will begin employment on May 4, 2026, in a full-time capacity assisting with grounds maintenance.

**Item 13: Council Remarks**

Council discussed enforcement of the City's construction and noise ordinances, specifically regarding restrictions on weekend construction activity. It was noted that current ordinances do not permit non-emergency construction on Saturdays or Sundays. Staff was advised to continue enforcing existing regulations.

**Item 14: Enter Executive Session – Personnel**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Council member Cochran, and approved unanimously to enter executive session for personnel at 7:10 p.m.

**Item 15: Adjourn Executive Session**

A motion was made by Councilmember Blackwell, seconded by council member Cochran, and approved unanimously to exit executive session for personnel at 7:18 p.m.

**Item 16:** Return to Regular Council Meeting

Council briefly discussed staffing and operations, including the potential reopening of the drive-thru service. No formal action was taken.

**Item 17:** Adjournment of Regular Council Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF May, 2026.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest

Lauren Garrett

Lauren Garrett, City Clerk