



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2024**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor
Dennis Cochran, Pro Tem
Eddie Blackwell, Councilmember
Logan Patrick, Councilmember
Michael Greene, Councilmember
Peter Brown, Councilmember
Robyn Smith, City Clerk/Manager
Lamar Rogers, Turnipseed Engineers
John Meier, City Attorney

Absent: Kristi Bosch, Councilmember

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance/Innovation

Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag

City Manager asked for a motion to remove Item 7 from Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Greene, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 3: Swearing In for New Councilmembers

Attorney John Meier swore in Eddie Blackwell 4 year term, Logan Patrick 2 year term, Michael Greene 2 year term, Mary Helen Lamb as Mayor 4 year term, and Peter Brown 4 year term.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes December 4, 2023

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular council minutes for December 4, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Mayor Lamb, and approved by all members present from December 4th meeting.

- Item 5: Review wording for Ordinance for Sunday Sales**
Resolution was presented to mayor and council for review. 1st reading will be next meeting.
- Item 6: Review to raise Water Rates for 2024**
- The city manager explained that the reason mainly we need to raise water rates is that if every customer left the system today the city is supposed to have money in an account to reimburse customer deposits, we do not, and that could be an audit comment. Councilmember Blackwell made a motion to raise water rates 5%, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.
- Item 7: Removed from agenda**
- Item 8: Five Minute Public Hearing**
- Bryan Watkins was here to see when UWS would start on Fincher Rd., Lamar Rogers reported that we have the signed contract so, hopefully soon.
 - Lucas Hall reported he had bought the property that is adjacent to Byers St. and Fincher Rd. He is thinking of maybe a meat market if he can get it rezoned commercial. The council was in favor of that.
- Item 9: Water System Report**
- Lamar Rogers reported that Preserve at Canyon Ridge had emailed him back not understanding his question. Council requested that city manger call City Manager Billy Peppers to confirm that we will read those meters and send City of Canton reads so they can bill for sewer, just like we do in Phase 1.
 - He got with UWS and got a change order for Fincher Rd.
- Item 10: City Manager Report**
- City Manager gave council the new council classes for 2024.
 - Fate Conn pump station. The city Manager applied with Cherokee Co for a permit for the pump station, it was approved. The pump station is at Stanley Townsend's property, the city manager will call and ask if we can come get it. Dwayne got the encroachment permit.
 - City Manager contacted Margaret Stallings about other annexation on Reinhardt College Pkwy, she stated that they stated they weren't sure about annexing in, and she had not seen any plans from them.
 - The City Manager reported that she had a 911 call in the middle of the night and needed direction on who to call if we had a real emergency. After much discussion, Councilmember Greene stated that he would call Mr. Townsend and see if he could work something out. The council asked that the city manager call CCWSA to see if they would work with us during this duration.

Item 11: City Attorney's Report

- The City Attorney reviewed older projects.

Item 12: Mayor's Report

- The mayor welcomed the new councilmembers.

Item 13: Council Remarks

- Councilmember Cochran asked about the generator, City manager reported that she had called about the generator but no return call.

Item 14: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF January, 2024.

Mary Helen Lamb

Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: Robyn Smith

Robyn Smith, City Clerk