



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 3, 2017**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem
Edna Cook, Councilwoman
Curtis Endicott, Councilman
Melissa Fournier, Councilwoman
Paul Ice, Councilman
Mary Helen Lamb, Councilwoman
Dana Thompson, City Attorney
Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager

Not Present: Stanley Townsend, Townsend Pipeline

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Item 2: Pledge to the Flag

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Jones.

Item 3: Public Hearing: Zoning/Permitted Use Table

City Attorney Dana Thompson informed this was not a Public Hearing for a property rezoning request. She further informed this was a revision to the City Zoning Ordinance to include a Bed and Breakfast and some revisions to the City Permitted Use Table. Ms. Thompson stated that Ms. Margaret Stallings was present and had suggested some valid updates to the revisions and asked that she present these updates. Ms. Stallings informed that the Bed & Breakfast Ordinance stated that the facility be operated by the property owner and suggested a revision to state it could be operated by an onsite manager to reside at the Inn when tenants are there. She also suggested that special events not be prohibited and put a stipulation to limit up to fifty (50) guest as long as sufficient parking is available. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to amend the Ordinance to allow the Inn be operated by an on-site manager/staff and to limit a maximum of fifty (50) guest for events and if application was greater than fifty, it will require a variance from City Council. Ms. Thompson will submit a revised Ordinance at the next Council meeting.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve June 19, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Endicott, seconded by Councilwoman Lamb and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve Revised Zoning/Permitted Use Table

This was the first reading to the revised zoning/permitted use table. The second reading will be held at the Council meeting on July 17, 2017.

Item 6: Yard of the Month Recognition

Councilwoman Fournier informed that through citizen comment that the Yard of the Month Recognition be awarded to Ms. Amy Lewis at 420 Bartow Street.

Item 7: Water System Report

No report was given.

Item 8: City Manager's Report

Ms. Stewart informed that she had received the final digest totals from the County and will have a millage rate to discuss at the July 17th meeting. It was the consensus of Council to not have a property tax increase.

Item 9: City Attorney's Report

No report was given.

Item 10: Mayor's Report

No report was given.

Item 11: Council Remarks

Council requested Margaret Stallings to give an update on the Comprehensive Plan. She informed that approximately thirty to thirty-five people attended the two workshops on Tuesday, June 27th and Thursday, June 29th. She requested that Mayor and Council encourage citizens to complete the on-line survey for Waleska. She further informed the Waleska meeting will be held sometime in late August or early September at the Waleska Fire Department Community Room.

Councilwoman Cook informed she had attended the GMA Conference in Savannah and enjoyed the training sessions. She stated one of her classes was Building Bike Paths and they discussed how it was great for all ages. Some areas held senior races on the bike path along with activities for all ages. She also stated she would like to see a bike path on Hwy 108 from Waleska to Jasper.

Councilwoman Lamb also attended the Conference in Savannah and one of her classes was Strengthening Communities. The class discussed by year 2020 that all children will be at reading proficiency by third grade. After third grade, they will be more at the level of organization, classifying things, more on-line work related tasks. She also informed of a website called icivics.org that is full of ideas for teacher lesson plans.

Item 12: Executive Session – Personnel

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Cochran and approved by all members present.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk