



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2016**

Present: Doris Jones, Mayor
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

Absent: Hill Cochran, Mayor Pro-Tem
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 – FY 2016-17 Budget

City Manager Lou Stewart informed that a mandated public hearing was being held for citizen comments concerning the 2017 Recommended Budget. Ms. Stewart asked if anyone was present that wished to speak for or against the budget. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was concluded.

Item 4: Citizens – Ms. Phoebe Maze

Ms. Maze informed Council of her wishes for the use of her property located at the corner of Bartow Street, across from Reinhardt University. She asked if a possible variance could be granted in order for the owner to not be required to live on the property. City Attorney Dana Thompson informed that she would research this option. The topic of ADA requirements were also discussed and Ms. Thompson informed that the ADA requirements will need to be met. After further discussion, Mayor Jones stated that the remodeled home beautifies our City and welcomes the opportunity to work with them through this process.

Item 5: Consideration to Approve May 16, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the May 16, 2016 Council Meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Fournier, seconded by Councilwoman Cook and approved by all members present.

Item 6: Approval of Copier Lease Agreement

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to approve the Copier Lease Agreement. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Water System Report

No report was given.

Item 8: FY 2016-17 Budget Revision Review

Ms. Stewart informed Council of the budget revisions in the General and Water Funds that were made due to the five (5%) salary increase for all employees. She further informed that preliminary tax digest figures were received and the digest has declined over \$200,000.00 dollars from last year. After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have no increase in property taxes and to remain revenue neutral in setting the tax millage rate.

Item 9: City Manager's Report

Ms. Stewart informed that some restructuring had been done in order for revenues to post to the appropriate funds. She further informed that bank draft payments needed to be split between three different funds which are water, general and sanitation. The bank can deposit the appropriate amounts in each fund from the drafts, if each account is at the same bank. The Sanitation Fund is at UCB and the Water and General Fund are at State Bank. Ms. Stewart requested Council approval to move the Sanitation Fund to State Bank also, in order for the bank draft transactions to be posted to the correct accounts. A motion to move the Sanitation Fund from UCB to State Bank was made by Councilwoman Lamb, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Ms. Stewart informed if any Council Member had not submitted their Ethics Forms to please complete and return to her for filing before July 1st.

Item 10: City Attorney Report

No report was given.

Item 9: Mayor's Report

No report was given.

Item 10: Council Remarks

No report was given.

Item 11: Executive Session:

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to move into executive session at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Endicott and approved by all members present.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the 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 the Council Meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Fournier and approved by all members present.

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

Doris A. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Lou Stewart, City Clerk/Manager