

CITY OF WALESKA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2025

Present:

Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor Peter Brown - Councilmember Michael Greene - Councilmember Logan Patrick - Councilmember

Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager

Lamar Rogers - Engineer

Chris Lumpkin - Water Manager

John Meier - City Attorney

Absent: Eddie Blackwell – Councilmember, Kristi Bosch – Councilmember, Dennis Cochran - Councilmember

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. Mayor Lamb led the Pledge to the Flag.

Item 3:

Five Minute Public Hearing

Mr. Weaver came before the council to discuss the upcoming change to Ordinance 12-84 and Ordinance 22-182. Mr. Weaver discussed the interpretation of current Georgia Code Section 16-11-127(c).

Mr. Davis, who is the landowner of 125 Sardis Road, asked the council for permission to purchase a water meter. Mr. Rogers agreed this would be acceptable and Mr. Davis was given an application.

Ms. Considne who owns 9125 and 9120 Reinhardt College Parkway was asking about the specific size water line she would need to purchase for her home and her rental home. Mr. Rogers agreed to speak with her later in the week.

Mr. Stewart, who represents the landowner of 552 Sardis Circle asked the council to approve the purchase of a water meter. Mr. Rogers agreed this would be acceptable.

Mr. Channell and Mr. Gehrke, who both live on Liberty Lane in Canton, had heard that a water line may be ran down Rampley Trail. Liberty Lane branches off Rampley Trail. They wanted to let the council know that if a line was installed down Rampley Trail they would be interested in connecting to that line to have city water. There was an in-depth discussion about the prior history with Cherokee County and the paving of Rampley Trail. The council agreed to have Mr. Rogers contact the county for more information and come back to this discussion.

Item 4: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 4, 2025

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council

Minutes for August 4, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Greene,
seconded by Councilmember Brown, and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Ordinance 12-84 – Second Reading

There was a quick review of the ordinance by council, a motion was made by Councilmember Brown to waive the reading of the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present. This ordinance will be brought back to the council at the next meeting for a final approval/vote.

Item 6: Ordinance 22-182 – Second Reading

There was a quick review of the ordinance by council, a motion was made by Councilmember Brown to waive the reading of the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present. This ordinance will be brought back to the council at the next meeting for a final approval/vote.

Item 7: LMIG – Repave Bartow Street

Mrs. Kirsch asked the council for permission to use LMIG funds to repave Bartow Street. Mrs. Kirsch has a quote from Cherokee County for \$32,898.00. Currently the City of Waleska has \$39,116.99 in LMIG funds which would include a 30% match on \$11,838.55. Mayor Lamb suggested that the grading, gutters, and drains be looked at due to how close the pavement is to the sidewalks in some sections of this road. Mrs. Kirsch will reach back out to Cherokee County and walk the project with Mr. Ralston to confirm Waleska has the funds to complete the project without causing a washing/drainage issue on this street.

Item 8: IGA with Cherokee County – Rampley Trail

Mr. Rogers addressed this topic during the Five Minute Public Hearing. Mr. Rogers will have a conversation with Cherokee County as to parts of the IGA that are currently unclear. Mr. Rogers will report back to the council at the next meeting. Mrs. Kirsch did confirm with the county that there is a 40' ROW on Rampley Trail.

Item 9: Water Report

 Mr. Lumpkin let the council know that he completed a flow test on Cable Road and Darby Road a couple of weeks ago. The valve on Hwy 140 has been open for two weeks with no apart difference in pressure. The city has not heard from any of the water customers in these locations. Councilmember Greene mentioned he had noticed an ever so slight decrease in pressure at his house. Mr. Lumpkin will go to Mr. Greene's house and do a pressure test.

• Mr. Lumpkin discussed a small hole in the asphalt at the 4-way stop. This is a state highway so he will contact someone at the state to notify them there needs to be a lid put over that hole.

Item 10: City Manager's Report

- Mrs. Kirsch presented a copy of the TSPLOST IGA the county sent to her. The City of Waleska's percentage would be 0.3803%. Per the county manager for the City of Waleska, the assumption is that based on a 1% TSPLOST with a 2% annual growth of receipts, the city would receive \$1,693,095 over 6 years. Those funds would need to be spent on Transportation projects only. The council agreed to sign the IGA. Mrs. Kirsch will send this back to the county.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented a house plan to the council for 3555 Land Road. The
 council agreed that the builder can purchase a water meter and proceed to
 Cherokee County for their permitting process.

Item 11: City Attorney's Report

Mr. Meier reminded the council that they will hear from Cherokee County at the next council meeting concerning the Quintana property.

Item 12: Mayor's Report

Mayor Lamb asked if the council wanted to feed the first responders for Clayton, Waleska, and Salacoa as well as the Sheriff's office in recognition of September 11th. Everyone in attendance agreed this is a good idea. Mrs. Kirsch will work with staff on the flyer and organization of food delivery. Mrs. Lamb will work with her church on side dishes. The time will be 6pm on Thursday, September 11th, 2025.

Item 13: Council Remarks

None

Item 14: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS <u>8 +</u> DAY OF_	September, 2025.
Mary Helen Lamb	
Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor	
Attest	
Kim Kirsch, City Clerk	