



**CITY OF WALESKA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2025**

Present: Mary Helen Lamb - Mayor
Dennis Cochran - Pro Tem
Eddie Blackwell - Councilmember
Peter Brown - Councilmember
Michael Greene - Councilmember
Kim Kirsch - City Clerk/City Manager
Lamar Rogers - Engineer
John Meier - City Attorney

Absent: Kristi Bosch – Councilmember, Logan Patrick - 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, and Mayor Lamb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Five Minute Public Hearing

None

Item 4: Approve Holiday Schedule for 2026

Mrs. Kirsch requested that the city council also approve city hall being closed on Friday, April 3rd in addition to all other holidays normally scheduled. Councilmember Blackwell requested an amendment to the Holiday Schedule for 2026 to also reflect city hall being closed on Good Friday with a motion by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Greene and approved by all members present.

Item 5: Approve Council Meeting Dates for 2026

Mrs. Kirsch's original 2026 council meeting dates did not reflect Cherokee County Schools holiday schedule. The council made a few adjustments for February and April, which Mrs. Kirsch will change. A motion was made to approve the council meeting dates for 2026 by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember

Greene and approved by all members present. Mrs. Kirsch will make a note for next year to consult the school's schedule before preparing the dates for council meetings.

Item 6: Consideration to Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 22, 2025

Mayor Mary Helen Lamb asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for September 22, 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, and approved by all members present.

Item 7: Proclamation – YM/Lance Corporal Amber Mendoza

The council approved the signing of the RED Ribbon Week Proclamation. Mrs. Kirsch will email that to Corporal Mendoza

Item 8: Quintana Property Discussion – 6843 Reinhardt College Parkway

Tabled item – Mr. Quintana was not present for the council meeting.

Item 9: Kendall Supply contract discussion

Mrs. Kirsch presented the council with all paperwork she could find concerning Kendall Supply. It does not appear the city has a contract that reflects the city is obligated to continue using their services.

Item 10: Audit Engagement Letter – follow up

Mrs. Kirsch advised the council that the engagement letter had been sent to Murphy CPA, and they did respond that the letter was received.

Item 11: IGA – Elections – Cherokee County

Mrs. Kirsch presented the council with a copy of a new IGA the county is requesting to be signed by the mayor in reference to elections. There was some discussion with Mr. Meier. The mayor will sign this IGA and Mrs. Kirsch will return that back to the county.

Item 12: Water Report

- Mr. Lumpkin discussed water loss. The current water loss is 14.45%, which is still within what Mr. Rogers considers acceptable. There was a water leak in the parking lot at city hall and a large water leak on Bartow Street.
- Mrs. Kirsch asked the council if they would consider charging a minimum fee of \$26.84 a month for water customers' irrigation meters. Currently when a customer with an irrigation meter calls city hall to have that meter turned off and locked, they do not pay a monthly fee until the meter is turned back on in the spring. This new policy would charge them the minimum rate of \$26.84 a month for months in which the irrigation meter is turned off. A motion was made to approve the monthly fee of \$26.84 by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Brown and approved by all members present.
- Mr. Lumpkin discussed a leak on Smith Road. It was decided that Mrs. Kirsch would draft a letter for the homeowner to sign stating that if the leak is on his side of the meter, he will be responsible for the cost to explore where the leak is coming

from and any repairs that take place. Mr. Lumpkin will take this letter to the homeowner and update the council as to the next steps.

- Mr. Rogers discussed the North Georgia Water Planning Districts survey that was completed awhile ago. Some of the answers given were “no” when either yes or in progress were the only options. Mr. Rogers will work with Mr. Lumpkin and Mrs. Kirsch on all of the items N. GA Water needs answers to. Mr. Rogers will keep the council in the loop over the next few months as he and city staff check off each item.
- Mr. Rogers let the council know that he and his staff have prepared the first draft for the Service Line Inventory. The mayor will sign a copy for Mr. Rogers so he can submit this.
- Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Rogers discussed a potential grant that would benefit the Water Fund. Mr. Rogers had emailed Mrs. Kirsch that if the city plans to install new or replace any water lines next year Turnipseed can prepare a pre-application to see if the city can qualify for some principal forgiveness. There is no commitment with the pre-app. Mr. Rogers suggested that Mrs. Kirsch reach out to Cherokee county to see if they are just repaving Sardis Circle. Mr. Rogers and his team will work on bids/estimations to lay water lines on Rampley Trail, Sardis Circle, Cantrell Lane, and looping Cable Road, Darby Road, and Sam Nelson Road.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented a couple of quotes for a dechlorinator for the end of Sam Nelson Road. This would save Mr. Lumpkin time in going out there to flush during the summer. The estimated costs ranged from \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 with Kendall Supply to \$6,709.80 with Staline. The council approved the quote from Staline. Councilmember Cochran made a motion to approve the purchase of the dechlorinator from Staline, seconded by Councilmember Brown and approved by all members present. Councilmember Cochran advised Mrs. Kirsch to pay for this out of the SPLOST account. Also, Stanco has said they will charge \$4,100.00 to install.
- Per Chief Davis with Cherokee County Fire there was no usage for the two firehouse meters for the month.

Item 13: City Manager’s Report

- Mrs. Kirsch notified the council that Sgt. King had contacted her from the Marshal’s Office in reference to a list of businesses in city limits that sale alcohol.
- Mrs. Kirsch presented plans for the construction of a swimming pool located at 1013 Cable Road. The council is okay with this proceeding to Cherokee County for the permitting approval process. Mrs. Kirsch will let the builder know.
- Mrs. Kirsch updated the council on the meeting she had with other city managers and Cherokee County in relation to TSPLOST. This will be voted on November 4th.

- Mrs. Kirsch presented pricing options for the replacement of Welcome to Waleska signs. At the prior meeting Councilmember Bosch had set a limit of \$2,000.00 per sign. The bid came in at \$9,120.00 for the four welcome signs that measure 36" x 96". Councilmember Blackwell suggested that if Reinhardt University would like for the signs to continue to say "Home of Reinhardt University" they will need to pay half the cost. The rest of council agreed with Councilmember Blackwell. Mrs. Kirsch will reach out to the University and see if they are willing to pay that fee and let the sign company know.
- Mrs. Kirsch notified the council that she is working with Mr. Meier and the Marshal's office in relation to 7045 Reinhardt College Parkway. Mrs. Kirsch will try to call the owners. Mrs. Kirsch will also find a certified contractor and appraiser to walk the property with her. She will keep the council updated as to the progress.
- Mrs. Kirsch discussed the purchase of a new city truck. Councilmember Brown suggested a couple of government websites where a better deal might be found. Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Lumpkin will check into these sites. This will be brought back to the council for final approval at the next meeting.

Item 14: City Attorney's Report

Mr. Meier advised the council that he will assist Mrs. Kirsch with the property at 7045 Reinhardt College Parkway.

Item 15: Mayor's Report

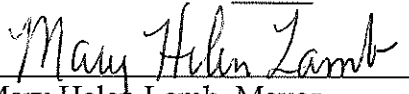
- Madam Mayor confirmed the tree lighting will be on Thursday, December 4th at 6:00PM this year. Mrs. Kirsch and Mr. Lumpkin will make the necessary arrangements.

Item 16: Council Remarks

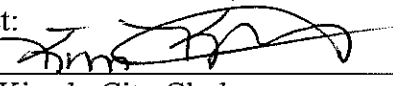
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Item 17: Adjourn Regular Council Meeting

APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF October, 2025.



 Mary Helen Lamb, Mayor

Attest: 

 Kim Kirsch, City Clerk