

MINUTES
City of Whitesburg
Council Meeting
January 2, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 50 Booster Field Drive, Whitesburg, Georgia 30185

I. OATH OF OFFICE

City Attorney David Mecklin administered the Oath of Office to the following elected officials:

Mayor Amy Williford
Councilmember Post 1 – Jay Williford
Councilmember Post 2 – William Smolar
Councilmember Post 3 – Lucy Gamble
Councilmember Post 4 – Mike Sprayberry

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amy Williford called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Amy Williford, Councilmember Jay Williford, Councilmember William Smolar, Councilmember Lucy Gamble, and Councilmember Mike Sprayberry.

STAFF PRESENT: Water Superintendent Robert Gamble, ACC Sherry Bilbo, and Adm. Asst./Billing Clerk Brittany Reichert.

III. INVOCATION – Councilmember Mike Sprayberry

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember William Smolar

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second – Sprayberry. VOTE: 4-0

VI. MINUTES APPROVALS

1. November 28, 2017 (WS)
2. December 4, 2018

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second – Gamble. VOTE: 4-0

VII. MAYORAL REPORT

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

None.

X. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Appointment – City Attorney

The Council discussed the reappointment of David Mecklin as City Attorney.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second – Sprayberry. VOTE: 4-0

2. Appointment – Mayor Pro-Tem

The Council discussed the appointment of Councilmember Lucy Gamble as Mayor Pro-Tem.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second – Sprayberry. VOTE: 4-0

3. Appointment – City Clerk

The Council discussed the reappointment of Councilmember William Smolar as City Clerk.

APPROVED: Motion – Sprayberry; Second – Gamble. VOTE: 4-0

4. Consideration of Police Officer Candidate

Councilmember Mike Sprayberry introduced police officer candidate, Anthony Lambert. Mr. Lambert was previously a law enforcement officer in the State of Alabama, where he currently resides.

If approved by the Council, Mr. Lambert will soon begin his training at the Police Academy.

APPROVED: Motion - Sprayberry - ; Second – Gamble. VOTE: 4-0.

5. Change August 7, 2017 Minutes – Item 2 (Proposed Pay Scale Adjustment) to reflect that after completion of six (6) months probationary period, police officer pay will increase to \$14.50

Councilmember William Smolar requested that the August 7, 2017 minutes be changed to state that a police officer's pay will increase to \$14.50 after completion of the probationary period, and that the term "six (6) months" be removed.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second – Sprayberry. VOTE: 4-0

6. Consideration of Fine for Yard Sale Ordinance Violation

TABLED: Motion – Smolar; Second Sprayberry. VOTE: 4-0

7. Clerk's Certification Training – William Smolar

Estimated cost for training and hotel expense - \$784.00

APPROVED: Motion – Sprayberry; Second – J. Williford. VOTE: 4-0

8. Discussion of Bank Signature Card

Councilmember Amy Williford stated that Mayor Ronnie Pate needed to be removed from the Bank Signature Card. Individuals suggested to remain on the bank signature card: Amy Williford, William Smolar, and Sherry Bilbo.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second – Gamble. VOTE: 4-0

9. Approval of Tires for Backhoe

Councilmember William Smolar stated that the City's backhoe needs new tires that have been quoted with Southern Tire Mart-Atlanta. The front tires are \$165.00 each and the back tires are \$385.00 each, totaling \$1,100.00.

APPROVED: Motion – J. Williford; Second – Smolar. VOTE: 4-0

10. Intertech Probation Agreement

APPROVED: Motion – Sprayberry; Second – Gamble. VOTE: 4-0

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City Hall Building Status
2. Recreation Department Awnings
3. LGRMS Recommendations – Safety and Loss Control Grant
4. Computers for Water Department
5. Prohibiting the use of Tobacco Products Ordinance
6. Recreation Department Swing Set
7. Travel Policy
8. Zoning Map Update
9. Air Condition Unit – Senior Center
10. Reduction of Surplus Inventory and Parking of Same on Paved Surface
11. Authorize City Attorney to Identify Problematic Areas in City Charter

XII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

XIII. COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEAD, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Jay Williford (Post 1) – Water Department

None.

2. William Smolar, Clerk (Post 2) – City Hall

Presented a copy of the proposed 2018 Budget and stated that he would like to have feedback regarding same by the Mayor and Council by January 15th. Presented a proposed new agenda format.

3. Lucy Gamble, (Post 3) – Recreation, Streets, and Senior Citizens

The City still needs to add lights on the flag pole.

4. Mike Sprayberry, (Post 4) – Police Department

Presented the Police Department monthly reports.

5. Robert Gamble, Water Department Superintendent

None.

6. Eddie “E.T.” Thompson, Chief of Police

Absent.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Gamble stated that the Whitesburg Area Christian Ministries luncheons are held on fifth Sundays.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Amy Williford, Mayor

William Smolar, Clerk