

**MINUTES**  
**City of Whitesburg**  
**Public Hearing - 2019 Budget**  
**Monday, February 4, 2019 – 5:45 p.m.**

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Whitesburg Senior Center, 50 Depot Street, Whitesburg, Georgia 30185

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Silence All Electronic Devices
2. Ascertain Quorum

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Gamble, Councilmember William Smolar, and Councilmember Mike Sprayberry. **ABSENT:** Mayor Amy Williford and Councilmember Jay Williford.

**II. INVOCATION – Councilman Mike Sprayberry**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman William Smolar**

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 Budget**

**ITEM OF DISCUSSION**

A public hearing was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at the Council Chambers located at 50 Booster Field Drive. The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the 2019 Budget. Councilmember Smolar advised that due to lack of a quorum for the February 4, 2019 regular Mayor and Council Meeting, the 2019 Budget would be presented for consideration of approval at the Mayor and Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2019.

**V. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Ms. Imogene Frazier inquired about additional funding for the library. Councilmember Smolar advised that the only way that would be possible would be to increase the City's millage rate and raise property taxes.
- Ms. Imogene Frazier inquired regarding a pay increase for the librarian. Councilmember Smolar advised Ms. Frazier that the librarian is not an employee for the City of Whitesburg. The librarian is employed by the West Georgia Regional Library System.
- Ms. Imogene Frazier inquired about the City's bank fees. Staff explained the bank fee structure.
- Ms. Imogene Frazier inquired about the City's budget for office equipment. Councilmember Smolar advised that the City has to replace malfunctioning equipment when necessary.
- Ms. Imogene Frazier inquired as to why the City's Indigent Defense expense was down. Police Chief Thompson advised that the indigent defense attorney wasn't present during all Court dates.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business to discuss, the public hearing was adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Gamble

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Attest