

MINUTES

City of Whitesburg

Council Meeting

February 5, 2018 - 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Silence All Electronic Devices
2. Ascertain Quorum

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

STAFF PRESENT: Water Superintendent Robert Gamble, Police Chief Eddie Thompson, and Sherry Bilbo, ACC.

II. INVOCATION – Water Superintendent Robert Gamble

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Mike Sprayberry

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Jay Williford amended the agenda to add the following as agenda item 5: Approval of registration and hotel expenses for continued education training and certification requirements for Tim Robison at the Georgia Rural Water Association 39th Annual Conference at Jekyll Island Convention Center – Tuesday, May 15 – Thursday, May 17, 2018 at total cost of approximately \$1,000.00.

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

V. MINUTES APPROVALS

1. December 27, 2017 (WS)
2. January 2, 2018

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

VI. MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Williford expressed appreciation to Robert Gamble and Tim Robison for their efforts in cleaning the Recreation Center building prior to the recent Whitesburg Area Christian Ministries fundraiser luncheon.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

None.

IX. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance

Councilmember Smolar stated that if the City adopts the County's Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance, the County will be given the authority to issue citations on the City's behalf. If adopted, the ordinance will be submitted to the State and the County will become the City's contact for those types of issues.

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

2. Advertisement of 2018 Budget

Councilmember Smolar advised that a Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget will be advertised in the Times-Georgian on Sunday, February 25, 2018. The Public hearing will be held prior to the regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. The budget will be available for public inspection beginning Monday, February 19, 2018 at City Hall.

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

3. Proposed Agenda Format

The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed Agenda format for future meeting agendas.

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

4. Consideration of Appointment of Part-time Court Clerk

Councilmember Smolar presented a request to The Mayor and Council regarding the appointment of a part-time Court Clerk. Councilmember Smolar stated that April Fordham has agreed to serve in the position (which she has stated will consist of approximately ten (10) hours per month) at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour.

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

5. Approval of training for certification requirements and hotel expenses for Tim Robison at the Georgia Rural Water Association Annual Conference at the Jekyll Island Convention Center May 15 – May 17, 2018 at an approximate amount of \$1,000.00

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

X. 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

Councilmember Gamble stated that she would like staff to look into the issue with the air condition unit at the Senior Center. Councilmember Gamble also stated that she would still like to see a sign installed designating “no smoking” areas.

XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

XII. COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEAD, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Jay Williford (Post 1) – Water Department – None
2. William Smolar, Clerk (Post 2) – City Hall – None.
3. Lucy Gamble, (Post 3) – Recreation, Streets, and Senior Citizens – Inquired about the zoning of a certain business on Main Street and as to whether someone was residing at the business.
4. Mike Sprayberry, (Post 4) – Police Department – None.
5. Robert Gamble, Water Department Superintendent – None.
6. Eddie “E.T.” Thompson, Chief of Police – Presented the Police Department monthly reports. Inquired as to when April Fordham would be starting her Court Clerk Duties.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced that in February and March the Senior Citizens will be stuffing 1,500 Easter eggs. The Seniors meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center located at 50 Depot Street, Whitesburg, GA.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Amy Williford, Mayor

William Smolar, Clerk

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