

# MINUTES

## City of Whitesburg

### Rescheduled Mayor and Council Meeting

April 9, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

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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 William Smolar, Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Gamble, Councilmember Mike Sprayberry, and Councilmember Jay Williford.

#### II. INVOCATION – Councilmember Mike Sprayberry

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember William Smolar

#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Clerk's Note: The Agenda was amended as follows:**

Councilmember Smolar amended the agenda to add Agenda Item no. 4 - Transfer of Sgt. Billy Shattles from part-time to full-time status.

Councilmember Smolar amended the agenda to add the Agenda item no. 5 - Reschedule the April 24, 2018 Work Session for Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

Councilmember Smolar amended the agenda to allow the Mayor and Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED**

**APPROVED:** Motion - Smolar, Second - Sprayberry. VOTE: 4-0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** **MINUTES TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ARE NOT OPEN TO** **THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (e) (2) (c)**

**Motion by Councilmember Smolar, second by Councilmember Williford to amend the agenda to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. VOTE: 4-0**

**Clerk's Note:** At this time, (6:12 p.m.), the Mayor and Council relocated to enter into Executive Session. During the Executive Session an Affidavit was circulated and signed by each member of the Mayor and Council in attendance attesting that the items discussed (personnel matters) during Executive Session were pursuant to Georgia State Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2.).

**Upon return to the Council Chambers, Motion by Councilmember Smolar, second by Councilmember Gamble to enter back into open meeting session. VOTE: 4-0**

## **V. MINUTES APPROVALS**

1. February 27, 2018 (WS)
2. March 5, 2018 (Budget Public Hearing)
3. March 12, 2018 (Rescheduled Meeting)

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

## **VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES**

Ms. Ruth Fuller, Branch Manager of the Whitesburg Library, advised the Mayor and Council of a recent article in the Times-Georgian quoting (Director Jessica Everningham) regarding the Library and thanking the City of Whitesburg Mayor and Council for their efforts regarding the budget. Ms. Fuller expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their efforts regarding the Library.

## **VII. BUSINESS SESSION**

1. Consideration of Sign Ordinance Permit Fee Structure

Councilmember Smolar stated that the City's Sign Ordinance does not have any guidelines as to fees for a sign permit. Councilmember Smolar suggested that the fee for a sign permit be based on the value of the sign as follows: \$15.00 for the first \$1,000 and \$5.00 for each additional thousand in value.

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

2. Consideration of Proposed Police Department Fines

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

3. Consideration of Hiring Municipal Court Clerk (Part-Time)

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

4. Consideration of Elimination of Police Department Administration Bank Account

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

5. Consideration of Rescheduling April 24, 2018 Work Session for Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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

- 6: Consideration of Changing Police Department Employee from Part-Time to Full-Time Status (Billy Shattles)

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

## **VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Dixie Curley, a resident of Brannon Street, provided an update on the recent City Clean Up Project. Ms. Curley expressed appreciation to Councilmember Lucy Gamble and Water Superintendent Robert Gamble for their assistance in making the clean-up day possible.

The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Curley for her efforts in the clean-up project.

## **IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Police Chief Eddie Thompson presented the March 2018 Police Department Monthly Reports.

Water Superintendent Robert Gamble advised that the Water Park has been repaired and will soon be open. WS Gamble also advised that a new cooler may be needed soon.

Councilmember Sprayberry welcomed Sgt. Billy Shattles back to full-time status at the Police Department.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Amy Williford, Mayor

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William Smolar, Clerk