

MINUTES
City of Whitesburg
Mayor and Council Meeting
June 4, 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

II. INVOCATION – Councilmember Mike Sprayberry

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember William Smolar

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. MINUTES APPROVALS

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| 1. May 1, 2018 (Work Session) | 1 - 3 |
| 2. May 7, 2018 | 4 - 6 |

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

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

None.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Certificate of Recognition – (Dixie Curley)

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Ms. Dixie Curley was read and presented a certificate of recognition. Mayor Williford expressed appreciation to Ms. Curley.

2. New City Hall

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

Councilmember Smolar tabled this item to the July 2, 2018 meeting.

3. Proposed changes to Occupational Tax Licenses Ordinance

Councilmember Smolar presented changes to the tax rate fee structure on the Occupational Tax Licenses. Councilmember Smolar advised that the tax rate has not been changed since 2002 and that the City needs to be more in line with the fee structure of other local municipalities.

Councilmember Smolar proposed that the expiration date of the Occupational Tax Licenses would be December 31st, each year and have a grace period for payment until March 15th. The current \$75.00 administrative fee will not increase. If approved, the new rate will become effective immediately. The new tax rate for an Occupational Tax License will be computed as follows:

Tax Class	Tax Rate on Gross Receipts	Rate per \$1,000 of Gross receipts
1	0.00050	\$0.50
2	0.00062	\$0.62
3	0.00075	\$0.75

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

4. Authorization of Take Home Vehicles

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

Councilmember Smolar made a motion to table this item until the July 2, 2018 meeting.

5. TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

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

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Patricia Whatley, a member of the Whitesburg Baptist Church, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding Ms. Wanda Whitley being hit by a vehicle before church on Sunday. Ms. Whatley inquired about a police vehicle being parked at the Church during service times, and also discussed with the Mayor and Council the efforts the church has made in getting the crosswalk repainted by the DOT.

Mr. Horace Jones, a member of the Whitesburg Baptist Church, inquired about a solar powered crosswalk sign. Councilmember Smolar advised Mr. Jones that if TSPLOST was approved then the light may be something that we can look at, but if not, Whitesburg just does not have the finances at this time to implement this.

Ms. Pat Garner, a member of the Whitesburg Baptist Church, advised the council that she had contacted the Governor’s office to see if they can help us in any way with the crosswalk. She expressed her concern to the council about the amount of time that it took for the ambulance to get to the scene. Mayor Williford stated that the response time from the ambulance is the County and not the City of Whitesburg.

An area resident expressed concern about the drains being stopped up on the McIntosh Bridge and flooding when it rains. Councilmember Williford explained that the road is a state highway and the drains are maintained by the DOT.

Mr. Jimmy Turner, a Whitesburg resident, suggested having designated speed zones for specific church times. He expressed his concern about the speeding in Whitesburg. Councilmember Williford explained that the Highway is a state mandated road and they determine the speed limits.

Ms. Margery Burris, a Whitesburg resident, thanked the city for what they have done to help the Whitesburg Library. Ms. Burris discussed the funding the library is trying to obtain from Carroll County.

Ms. Dixie Curley, an area resident who works at the University of West Georgia, informed the Mayor and Council about an upcoming event that UWG sponsors know as “The Big Event” where students volunteer. Ms. Curley inquired about incorporating Whitesburg into the event and asked what we might need the volunteers to do for a day. Mayor Williford agreed to get a list together for Ms. Curley.

IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sergeant Billy Shattles presented the May 2018 Police Department stats.
2. Councilmember Mike Sprayberry announced that Officer Tony Lambert turned in his two week notice.
3. Councilmember Lucy Gamble stated that the Senior Citizens had great success at the Care Fund giveaway on Saturday.
4. Councilmember Jay Williford advised those in attendance that the Mayor and Council had planned to discuss the accident involving Ms. Whitley and that he appreciated Whitesburg Baptist Church being in attendance to discuss the matter.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m