

MINUTES

City of Whitesburg

Mayor and Council Meeting

July 2, 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 William Smolar, Councilmember 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

Motion by Councilmember Sprayberry, second by Councilmember Smolar to amend the agenda to add the following items:

5. Approval of cost of equipment for new patrol car: \$300.00 to change out equipment and \$45.00 to change out radar.
6. Approval of purchase of two inflatables for the Recreation Department at a cost of \$2,200 to be paid for through 2008 SPLOST.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED:

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

V. MINUTES APPROVALS

1. May 29, 2018 (Work Session)
2. June 4, 2018

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

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

None.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

1. New City Hall

Councilmember Smolar advised that Architect Alan Bell provided him with a materials cost for the new City Hall. The estimated cost for materials is estimated to be as follows: \$159,000 for materials only. Fees for Alan Bell Architect are estimated to be: \$28,000. The combined total is approximately \$187,000. Councilmember Smolar advised that there is currently \$193,000 in the 2013 SPLOST account. Councilmember Smolar stated that the City should request additional

funding from the County for the City Hall project, noting that there is still approximately \$126,000 in the County's account. Councilmember Smolar advised that in 2005 the Council voted to build a new City Hall with SPLOST allocations. Councilmember Williford stated that other purchases need to be made and he advised that he doesn't want to see the 2008 SPLOST account to get below \$100,000 in case an emergency purchase arises.

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

2. Appointment to Carroll County Library Board

Councilmember Smolar advised that Linda Carnes resigned from the Carroll County Library Board and West Georgia Regional Library Board. Councilmember Smolar stated that he would like to nominate Ronnie Pate for the position on the Library Board because he is familiar with the City's budget. Ronnie Pate has agreed to serve on the Library Board if appointed by the Mayor and Council.

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

3. Railroad Management Company Invoices

Councilmember Smolar advised that the City was in receipt of two default invoices from Railroad Management Company (a company that bought contracts from Norfolk Southern Company in 2016). Railroad Management Company has advised that the City has water mains on railroad property and that the water lines will be removed by Railroad Management Company if the two invoices in the amount of \$1,498.65 and \$999.10 are not paid. The City has on file an original agreement (dated March 18, 1952 between Central of Georgia Railway) that states that the City will maintain said water mains in good condition at all times and the City will pay the sum of \$2.00 annually for the privileges granted. This agreement is made a part of the minute packet and was signed by the City of Whitesburg Mayor and City Clerk on March 21, 1952. Councilmember Williford advised that he is of the opinion that the signed agreement from 1952 should be honored. The City has not received any updated agreement from Norfolk Southern nor Railroad Management Company. Councilmember Gamble stated that the City should adhere to the original agreement. Councilmember Smolar stated that he feels that the City should follow the City Attorney's recommendation and pay the invoices and re-negotiate the invoices at a later time. Councilmember Williford stated that the City doesn't have property located on Hwy 5, which is one of the invoices being billed to the City by Railroad Management Company.

FAILED: Motion – Smolar. Motion by Councilmember Smolar to pay the invoices from Railroad Management Company at the recommendation of the City Attorney. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

4. Occupational Tax License – Sammy Duke

Councilmember Smolar presented a request from Sammy Duke for a business license for a business to be known as "Liars and Legends" Trade Day. Councilmember Smolar advised that Mr. Duke's recent building permit states that Mr. Duke was to use the metal building for storage purposes only.

DENIED: Motion –Gamble; Second – Sprayberry. VOTE: 3-0. (Councilmember Williford opposed).

5. Approval of cost of equipment for patrol car donated by the Sheriff's Department: (\$300.00 to change out equipment and \$45.00 to change out radar).

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

6. Approval of purchase of two inflatables for the Recreation Department at a cost of \$2,200 to be paid for through 2008 SPLOST.

APPROVED: Motion – Gamble; Second – Smolar. VOTE: 3-0. (Councilmember Williford opposed).

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Ruth Fuller of the Whitesburg Library expressed appreciation to the Police Department for the information provided to the library patrons regarding the new Hands-Free Law. Ms. Fuller also advised that the Summer Reading Program is going great.

IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Chief Eddie Thompson presented the monthly Police Department Reports.

Superintendent Robert Gamble advised that there are dead trees on Hwy. 16 that are causing drainage problems. Superintendent Gamble also advised that he and Tim have been busy getting ready for the upcoming City Block Party. Councilmember Williford inquired to Superintendent Gamble as to a status on the amount of water being purchased from the County and how the Water Department is doing overall. Superintendent Gamble advised that he would look into it.

Councilmember Sprayberry advised that the Police Department is looking at potential candidates for the School Resource Officer position.

Councilmember Smolar advised that he has followed up with GMA regarding telecommunications. Councilmember Smolar confirmed with the company that there is no cable provider in the City. The company is requesting remittance of recent utility bills.

Councilmember Gamble stated that she has been working to get ready for the Block Party on July 7, 2018. Councilmember Gamble stated that donations have been great for the event. Councilmember Gamble advised that Whitesburg BP had donated an additional \$350.00 for the event. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Amy Williford, Mayor

William Smolar, Clerk