

MINUTES

City of Whitesburg

Mayor & Council Meeting

September 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

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

5. Approval of sand/dirt mixture for ball fields from North Georgia Turf to be paid for out of the 2013 SPLOST for \$2,050.00.
6. Approval of ordinance codification by Municode.
7. Approval of proclamation for Public Safety Appreciation Day.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED:

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

V. MINUTES APPROVALS

1. July 31, 2018 (Special Called Meeting)
 2. July 31, 2018 (Work Session)
 3. August 6, 2018 (Mayor and Council Meeting)
- APPROVED:** Motion - Smolar; Second – Sprayberry; VOTE: 4-0.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

None.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

1. **Discussion of Advertisement for Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Update**
Councilmember Smolar advised that as part of the agreement with Three Rivers Regional Planning Commission to assist the City with its Comprehensive Plan, the City must advertise a public hearing in the Times-Georgian.

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

2. **School Resource Officer Candidate**

Councilmember Sprayberry introduced SRO candidate Adam Knight to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Knight provided information about his background and certifications. He expressed appreciation if given the opportunity to work as the School Resource Officer.

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

3. **Georgia Rural Water Association Fall Conference (Robert Gamble)**

Councilmember Williford requested approval of Water Superintendent Robert Gamble's attendance at the Georgia Rural Water Association Fall Conference on October 22-24th. The cost for the conference registration is \$330.00 and hotel expenses total \$326.97.

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

4. **New City Hall Update**

Councilmember Smolar advised that with the Municipal Option Sales Tax (MOST), the City could receive approximately \$175,000 in revenue per year. If the state legislature approves the bill and the local residents pass the referendum, then the city will receive approximately \$875,000 over a five-year period. Councilmember Smolar made a request to approve moving forward with the process and related expenses required for the new City Hall.

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

5. **Approval of Sand/Dirt Mixture for ball fields from North Georgia Turf at a cost of \$2,050 to be paid for through 2013 SPLOST**

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

6. **Approval of Ordinance Codification by Municode**

Councilmember Smolar requested approval to move forward with signing a contract with Municode to have our ordinances codified, including zoning and subdivision ordinances. The cost will be \$12,950.00 and will be broken up into four payments over two fiscal years to be paid out of the general fund account.

The payment plan for codification of the ordinances will be as follows:

Execution of agreement- \$4,530.00

Submission of the Legal Memorandum- \$3,240.00

Submission of Draft Code- \$3,240.00

Delivery- \$1,940.00

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

7. **Approval of proclamation for Public Safety Appreciation Day**

Councilmember Smolar presented the proclamation for Public Safety Appreciation Day.

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

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Dixie Curley, a Whitesburg resident, announced that she would like to do a neighborhood cleanup on October 13th, and asked for the support of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Michael Thomas, a Whitesburg resident, expressed concern to the Mayor and Council about trucks parking on the street to unload at the building at Main and Moore Street. He advised that there

is no parking lot available and the trucks make it difficult for traffic to see to pull out in the highway, which makes it a safety hazard. Police Chief Thompson responded to Mr. Thomas and advised him to call 911 to report the issue when he sees it happening.

IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Chief Eddie Thompson presented the monthly police department stats for August.

Councilmember Gamble stated that the Whitesburg Baptist Church is having a Sunday dinner at the Recreation department on September 30, 2018 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. Councilmember Gamble encouraged staff to stop by and support the church.

Councilmember Smolar advised that he, Councilmember Williford, and City Clerk Sherry Bilbo attended the recent Service Delivery Strategy meeting. He advised that the County has made some changes that include the following:

1. We are now recognized as having a library
2. We are now recognized as having a senior citizen center
3. The County will provide the city assistance with the roads, but the city will be charged labor and fuel cost.

Councilmember Smolar also asked the Mayor and Council if they were ok with the draft of the service delivery strategy. If the draft is ok, then the county will most likely cancel the delivery strategy meeting for next Tuesday.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Amy Williford, Mayor

Clerk