

MINUTES

City of Whitesburg

Mayor and Council Meeting

November 13, 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 Lucy Gamble, Councilmember William Smolar, and Councilmember Mike Sprayberry.

ABSENT: Councilmember Jay Williford.

II. INVOCATION – Councilmember Mike Sprayberry

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember William Smolar

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM:

Item 6: Cancellation of the following meetings:

November 27, 2018 Work Session

December 3, 2018 Mayor and Council Meeting

December 26, 2018 Work Session

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second - Sprayberry. VOTE: 3-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED

APPROVED: Motion - Smolar; Second – Sprayberry. VOTE: 3-0.

V. MINUTES APPROVALS

1. September 25, 2018 (Work Session)
2. October 1, 2018 (Mayor and Council Meeting)

APPROVED: Motion - Sprayberry; Second - Smolar. VOTE: 3-0.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

None.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

1. **Resolution 06-2018 – Amendment to Occupational Tax and Regulatory Fees Ordinance**

Mayor Williford advised that the Mayor and Council had previously approved changing the tax rate applied and the due date for Occupational Tax License Renewals. Approval of **Resolution 06-2018** is necessary to amend the Occupational Tax Ordinance and incorporate the changes which were approved in May 2018.

APPROVED: Motion - Smolar; Second - Sprayberry. VOTE: 3-0.

2. Employee Christmas Bonus

Councilmember Smolar advised that, if approved, each full-time employee with at least one year of service will receive a \$500.00 bonus. Part-time employees and employees with less than one year of service will receive a \$250.00 bonus. The combined total for bonuses would be \$4,874.26.

APPROVED: Motion - Smolar; Second – Sprayberry. VOTE: 3-0.

3. Date for Christmas Dinner

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to have the annual Christmas dinner on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

4. Records Storage Facility

Councilmember Gamble expressed concerns for the lack of storage in the Recreation Center which is currently being used for the storage of the City's records. Councilmember Gamble advised that it was her desire to use that space for storage of uniforms, games, etc. for future recreation activities and programs. In addition, Councilmember Gamble suggested an addition to the current City Hall mobile unit for housing of the City's records. Councilmember Gamble also stated that she would like to see the records removed from the Recreation Center by March or April of 2019 so that she can move forward with implementing recreation programs in 2019. Councilmember Smolar advised Councilmember Gamble that there is no funding available for recreation programs. Councilmember Gamble stated that she would like to start sponsorships for Recreation Programs. Councilmember Gamble reiterated that she wants the City's records out of the Recreation Center by March or April of 2019.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

5. Speed Breakers

Councilmember Smolar advised that he had been approached by neighbors regarding the possible installation of speed breakers on Rail Road Street. Councilmember Smolar stated that he would like to use the County's speed detector to determine how fast vehicles are actually driving. Councilmember Sprayberry suggested that the speed detector also be placed on Moore Street.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS AGENDA ITEM.

6. Cancellation of Upcoming Work Sessions and Mayor and Council Meetings

Cancellation of the following upcoming Work Sessions and Meetings are as follows:

November 27, 2018 Work Session

December 3, 2018 Mayor and Council Meeting

December 26, 2018 Work Session

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar; Second - Sprayberry. VOTE: 3-0.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Dixie Curley of Brannon Street expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their support of the recent neighbor cleanup project. Ms. Curley also stated that there is drug activity on Brannon Street and that she needs guidance regarding the matter. Police Chief Eddie Thompson offered to meet with Ms. Curley to discuss the issue.

IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Police Chief Eddie Thompson presented the monthly Police Department reports.

2. Councilmember Sprayberry advised that Police Chief Eddie Thompson had received notification from Courtware Solutions that a new contract was necessary to continue services between the Police Department and Courtware Solutions. If approved by the Mayor and Council, this contract must be signed by Mayor Williford.

CLERK'S NOTE: At this time, Councilmember Smolar made a motion to amend the Agenda to approve the contract between the Police Department and Courtware Solutions and authorize Mayor Williford to sign same. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. VOTE: 3-0.

3. Councilmember Gamble reminded those in attendance about the upcoming Community Thanksgiving dinner which will be held on Sunday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Councilmember Gamble also advised that the Breakfast with Santa event will be held at the Recreation Center on Saturday, December 8th. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Santa will be at the event from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

4. Councilmember Smolar stated that Georgia Power will be replacing all street lights with LED lights.

5. Water Superintendent Gamble advised that the Water Department truck needs to be repaired.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Amy Williford, Mayor

Attest