

MINUTES

City of Whitesburg

Mayor and Council Meeting

November 8, 2021 – 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, Councilmember Mike Sprayberry, and Councilmember Kim Arnell.

II. INVOCATION– Councilmember Mike Sprayberry

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember William Smolar

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second – Arnell. Vote: 4-0

V. MINUTES APPROVALS

- Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting – October 7, 2021
- Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting – September 16, 2021
- Mayor and Council Meeting – September 7, 2021
- Mayor and Council Work Session – August 31, 2021

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second – Sprayberry. Vote: 4-0

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford Interceptor Patrol Package Vehicles

Councilmember Sprayberry presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration a request to purchase two (2) 2022 Ford Interceptor Patrol Package vehicles (black) in color from Brannen Ford. The cost of the vehicles is \$46,481 each and will be paid for with SPLOST funds.

APPROVED: Motion – Sprayberry, Second – Smolar. Vote: 4-0

2. Purchase of Seven (7) Police Department Radios

Councilmember Sprayberry presented to the Council for their consideration the purchase of seven (7) new APX 6000 radios which are required as part of the enhanced 911 system which will be active in January 2022. The total cost of the seven (7) radios with a trade-in allowance for our current radios is \$27,430.76. These radios will be paid for with SPLOST funds.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second – Sprayberry. Vote: 4-0

3. Police Chief's Training

Councilmember Sprayberry presented a request for required Police Chief training for Chief Chris Gilliland. The dates for the training are as follows: November 28, 2021 – December 3, 2021, and December 5, 2021 – December 8, 2021. The total cost for registration and lodging is as follows: \$954.36.

APPROVED: Motion – Sprayberry, Second – Smolar. Vote: 4-0

4. Employee Christmas Bonus

Councilmember Smolar presented a request to the Mayor and Council for approval of 2021 employee year-end bonuses as follows: \$500 each for all full-time employees with a least one year of service. Part-time employees and full-time employees with less than one year of service will receive \$250.00 each. The total for the bonuses will be \$3,252.00.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second – Sprayberry. Vote: 4-0

5. Employee Health Insurance

Councilmember Smolar presented a request that the City absorb all of the cost of the employee health insurance (Blue Cross Blue Shield Point of Service (POS plan) beginning in January 2022. The monthly premium for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Point of Service Plan (POS) – (the least expensive of the plans offered by the City) for employee health insurance will be \$951.00 beginning January 2022. Those employees with the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO plan will pay the additional \$40.00 associated with the upgraded plan. Should an employee desire dependent coverage, the employee will pay for the dependent coverage in its entirety.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second – Arnell. Vote: 4-0

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF COMMENTS

- Superintendent Robert Gamble discussed proposed changes regarding lead and copper testing. Superintendent Gamble advised that 1057 Main Street was turning into a junk yard and needs cleaned up. Superintendent Gamble stated that the water system is holding up well.
- Chief Chris Gilliland advised that the Police Department is now operating 24/7. Chief Gilliland also stated that he has received positive feedback from the Carroll County Sheriff's Department.
- Councilmember Lucy Gamble stated that the community church dinner will be held November 21st. In addition, Councilmember Gamble advised that applications will be accepted beginning November 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays) at the Senior Center to provide assistance for parents with purchasing Christmas for their children. Councilmember Gamble stated that the proposed date for the "Breakfast with Santa" event is December 18th. Councilmember Gamble advised that things at the Recreation Department are in need of repair and that she will be addressing those items beginning in January 2022.
- Councilmember Smolar advised that work will begin soon to dispose of the house and begin grading at the new City Hall location.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Amy R. Williford, Mayor

ATTEST