

MINUTES Work Session

June 29, 2023 - 6:00 PM



Council Chambers, 50 Booster Field Drive, Whitesburg, Georgia 30185

Elected Officials Present

Mayor, Amy Williford (AW)
Councilmember, Chris Lewis (CL)
Councilmember, Lucy Gamble (LG)
Councilmember, Donna Whitley (DW)

City Staff Present

Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble (RG) Chief Of Police, Chris Gilliland (CG) - Absent Assistant City Clerk, Wendy Morris (WM)

The Mayor and City Council met for a Work Session on May 30, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 6:01 pm.

Invocation was led by Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Chris Lewis in the Public Hearing.

Additions added to the agenda: None

- I. Citizen Comments & Discussion On Agenda Items: (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)
 - No Comments
- II. Business Session: (Councilmembers have the opportunity to bring items before the Council)

Mayor Williford: Do we want to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for City Employees. We need to update the ordinance; this is what Kevin Drummond sent me so we can be compliant with the state. **Councilmember Lucy Gamble –** Who is going to be the zoning administrator? **Mayor Williford** – I think it will be who is in the office.

Councilmember Whitley: We ordered a pump since it was an emergency situation from Thomas Pump in the amount of \$4,363.00. **Mayor Williford** – Did we order 1 or 2? **Water Superintendent**, **Robert Gamble** – 1. Also, with all the rain the silt screen on Main St. has came down. We need the silt screen put back in place, add dirt and grass seed. We will have to dig behind the silt screen to turn the water in a different direction. We will have to purchase 2 batteries for the bulldozer to move the dirt and get it packed. We also may need to rent an excavator to be able to maneuver like we need to. **Mayor Williford:** What is the price of the batteries? **Water Superintendent**, **Robert Gamble:** About \$200 each. **Mayor Williford:** Lets get a quote before we meet again.

Councilmember Gamble – We have already acquired a lot of door prizes, if anyone wants to donate more door prizes. Donna has graciously agreed to make the sign for our Post 4th. The playground equipment and picnic tables need to be pressure washed. Councilmember Lewis: I can pressure wash it this Sunday. Councilmember Gamble: We also need mulch for the playground area. Citizen – Kim Arnell: We had shredded rubber at the playground at one time and it had little pieces of wire in it. We had to take it up so kids wouldn't get hurt. We did have cypress mulch down at one time and it lasted a while. Mayor Williford: Everything Outdoors had mulch yesterday for \$34.99 a scoop. Councilmember Gamble: I have exit signs for the Senior Center, I have to have someone wire them.

Councilmember Lewis: Rodriguez will start removing the tree from Moore St on Friday July 7. They provide their own signs. **Councilmember Gamble**: What will they do with the grindings? **Citizen – Kim Arnell**: That would be good to put on the bank at Main Street. **Councilmember Lewis**: I will call and find out.

Citizen Comments: (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)

III. Kim Arnell: Whitesburg has its first lawnmower dealership. We are going to do a display at the Block Party. We are also going to cook 100 lbs. of peanuts, corn on the cob and potatoes in the peanut water.

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- Mayor Williford, If there are no other comments, then we are finished.
- . The June 29, 2023, work session ended at 6:35 pm

