



# MINUTES Mayor & Council Meeting January 7, 2025



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

**Elected Officials Present**

Mayor, Amy Williford  
 Councilmember, Lucy Gamble  
 Councilmember, Donna Whitley  
 Councilmember, Kim Arnell

**City Staff Present**

Water Superintendent, Tim Robison  
 Assistant City Clerk, Wendy Morris  
 Interim Chief, Keith Creel

The Mayor and City Council met for a regular meeting on January 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 6:08pm, stating we had a Quorum and requesting everyone to silence all electronic devices.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion By:** Councilmember Arnell to add Executive Session to the agenda **Second By:** Councilmember Gamble, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

**Motion By:** Councilmember Arnell to enter into Executive Session to discuss zoning matters at 6:10pm, **Second By:** Councilmember Gamble, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

During the Executive Session, an Affidavit was circulated and signed by each member of the Mayor and Council in attendance attesting that the items discussed during Executive Session were pursuant to Georgia State Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)).

**Upon return to the Council Chambers at approximately (6:30 p.m.), Motion by Councilmember Arnell, second by Councilmember Gamble to enter back into open meeting session. Motion Approved with No Objections.**

**Minutes For Approval:**

Council Meeting December 5, 2024

**Motion By:** Councilmember Whitley to approve all minutes as written, **Second By:** Councilmember Arnell, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

**Citizen Comments & Discussion on Agenda Items:** (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)

None

**Business Session:**

**Councilmember Whitley**

1. 2025 Budget

**Motion By:** Councilmember Whitley to approve 2025 Budget, **Second By:** Councilmember Gamble, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

**Councilmember Arnell**

1. Estimates on New Lawn Mowers.

Councilmember Arnell received 4 estimates on new lawn mowers for the city.

- Country Clipper Charger \$9,659.28
- John Deer Z930m Z Trac \$12,000
- Gravely Pro Turn 352 \$11,876.88
- Ex-Mark Lazer Z S-Series \$12,399

**Motion By:** Councilmember Whitley to approve the purchase of (2) Country Clipper Charger Mowers in the amount of \$9,659.28 each, to be paid for from 2021 SPLOST. **Second By:** Councilmember Gamble, **Motion Approved** with No Objections, with

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Mayor Williford participating in the vote. Councilmember Arnell refrained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

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**Tim Dillard** – Spoke on the reasons he wants to deannex his property from the city. Mayor Williford is going to get with the city attorney to see what the steps are for this.

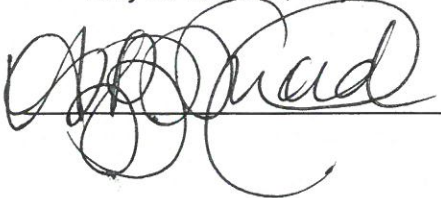
**Mayor / Council / City Staff Comments:**

- **Interim Police Chief Creel:**
  - The police dept is getting back to a full staff with 5 full-time officers and 1 part time officer.
  - In 2024 Redspeed School Cameras issued 7,388 school zone tickets.
  - Police dept would like to add 2 flock cameras on Highway 5, this would cost the city \$5,000 year.
- **Water Superintendent Robison:**
  - Several areas in the road have potholes and need repairing. Councilmember Arnell discussed purchasing a DOT Approved pavement repair called Perma-Patch.
- **Councilmember Arnell:**
  - Aubrey Merritt went to look at the sink hole on Old Newnan Road, he will go and add dirt to the area that has washed away.
- **Mayor Williford:**
  - Thank you to everyone that helped with and attended Robert's retirement party. The party went very well.

**Mayor Williford**, If there are no other comments, I need a motion to adjourn. **Motion By:** Councilmember Gamble made a motion to adjourn. **Second By:** Councilmember Arnell, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

The January 7, 2025, Mayor & Council Meeting ended at 7:18 pm.

Amy R. Williford, Mayor



ATTEST: Clerk

