



MINUTES

Mayor & Council Meeting

June 5, 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)
 Utility Clerk, Wendy Morris (WM)

The Mayor and City Council met for a regular meeting on June 5, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 6:00 pm, stating we had a Quorum and requesting everyone to silence all electronic devices.

- I. The first order of business was the Approval of the Meeting Agenda; Mayor Williford asked for a Motion to approve the Agenda. **Motion By:** Councilmember Gamble, **Second By:** Councilmember Lewis, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

II. Minutes For Approval:

Work Session minutes March 28, 2023

May and Council Meeting minutes May 8, 2023

- **Motion By:** Councilmember Lewis, **Second By:** Councilmember Whitley, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

III. Citizen Comments & Discussion On Agenda Items: (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)

None

IV. Business Session:

(List Each Councilmembers Comments Here By Adding A New Row For Each Councilmember)

Councilmember Whitley - At the work session I informed everyone that Wanice is resigning and her last day will be June 13, 2023. Wendy, our utility billing clerk has put interest in moving into Wanice's position. She has been back up for Wanice and back up for the Police Dept. In my opinion it will be a good move for her and the city. That would leave us with a position for Utility Clerk. **Mayor Williford** – What day is this going to take place? **Councilmember Whitley** – June 14, 2023. Wanice's last day is June 13, 2023. **Mayor Williford** – Have yall discussed pay? **Councilmember Whitley** – We have not actually but there will be a pay raise for that position. **Mayor Williford** – We might just have to back it up. **Mayor Williford** – I need a motion to advertise the utility clerk position and Wendy to move forth on June 14, 2023. **Motion By:** Councilmember Lewis – I make a motion we approve the advertisement of the clerk position and we promote Wendy Morris to her new position as assistant city clerk. **Second By:** Councilmember Whitley, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

Councilmember Whitley – Wendy has been the back up to the police dept., helping with court and learning the whole concept. She needs to be mandated in case our court clerk is absent. She needs to get her certification. We need to approve the \$200 class fee. **Motion By:** Councilmember Whitley - we approve Wendy to attend the mandated court clerk class. **Second by:** Councilmember Lewis, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

Councilmember Whitley – No one said anything about any changes to the 2023 budget in the work session. In July we will revisit the budget and have about 6 months in with the LOST Funds that have changed and reduced greatly. We will revisit in July and do a budget amendment per our CPA, Rick Hartley. **Motion By:** Councilmember Lewis – We accept the 2023 Budget as written. **Second By:** Lucy Gamble, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.



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Councilmember Gamble – I am asking for a transfer of \$2500 from the 2023 Founders Day Funds to help pay for the fireworks. The total cost of the fireworks is \$4600. Half of the money needs to be sent ASAP, but I talked to them and let them know that nothing could be done until we met and voted. Everything, as far as food is taken care of. The other part of money for the fireworks will come from community donations.

Councilmember Lewis – Do we already have that lined up? What if we don't get enough donations?

Councilmember Gamble – There is no such thing as what if. **Motion By:** Councilmember Gamble – I make a motion we move \$2500 from the founder's day fund and transfer to pay for the fireworks for the block party on July 8, 2023 **Second By:** Councilmember Lewis, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

Councilmember Lewis – We need to vote on Chief Gilliland's hotel cost for the 2023 Chiefs training. The approx. cost is \$540. **Motion By:** Councilmember Lewis that we approve the \$540 for the hotel cost for Chief Gilliland. **Second By:** Councilmember Whitley, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

Councilmember Lewis – We have a price of new police Interceptor of \$55,600 to replace the 2008 and 2009 Crown Vic. That are in pretty bad shape. **Mayor Williford** – This is drive out? **Councilmember Lewis**- yes that is everything. **Motion By:** Councilmember Lewis – we approve the purchase of the Police Interceptor for \$55,600 coming from the Redspeed funds. **Second By:** Councilmember Whitley, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

Councilmember Lewis – We need to vote on Corporal Creel to get a \$1 hr. raise and Lieutenant Salazar getting a \$2 hr. raise. **Motion By:** Councilmember Lewis that we approve the raises for Corporal Creel \$1 hr. and Lieutenant Salazar \$2 hr. **Second By:** Councilmember Whitley, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

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

Roy Windom – 686 Main St. – I would like to know what I need to do to get rid of the complaints. My brother in-law will be doing the work for me since I am not able to with Stage 3 Colon cancer. **Mayor Williford** – It's the dangerous things. **Councilmember Whitley** – It's the deck and brush. **Daryl Matthews** – 62 Log Cabin Rd. – We are trying to figure out what all you want. We can level the deck and pick up the tree limbs near Imogene's. What would please the city? **Mayor Williford** – Making it safe. Getting rid of anything that would draw mosquitoes or rats. **Daryl Matthews** – Go behind the post office a lot of that could be causing mosquitoes and rats. If you go down the road where the vape store is, there's a double wide trailer with the roof falling in. **Mayor Williford** – That is on our list. **Daryl Matthews** – I don't know what time frame you want this done in. **Mayor Williford** – Until you are served with a letter, just do it as quickly as you can and make it a safe environment. **Councilmember Whitley** – I told Dee if you needed help, we are almost neighbors and we would be glad to help. **Daryl Matthews** – We wanted to let you know we are going to get started. **Chief Gilliland** – If you will give me a call tomorrow, I can meet with you and go over what needs to be done. If you need help, I have a trailer and would be more than happy to bring some volunteers.

VI. Mayor / Council / City Staff Comments

Chief Gilliland – I have been asked if I have seen a decrease in speed with the cameras working. During February in the 25mph zone we had an average speed of 39 mph southbound and 38 mph northbound. During the 35mph zone we had an average speed of 49 mph southbound and 48 mph northbound, March is identical. It went up in April by 1 mph. Mays average was 39 mph southbound and 50 mph northbound. I guess citizens don't care, if they a citation in the mail, they are going to continue to speed. The last count I pulled last week, 1st notices – 1,487 citations, 2nd notice – 350, final notice – 290, 20 affidavits and 19 court hearing request. We have had 3,653 paid citations. We have 6 eligible for collections, Redspeed handles that if they don't send

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them to collections then they can not renew their tag until the ticket is paid. I know we have had some issues where Redspeed isn't processing checks timely, so I emailed our rep. to follow up on the speed of their process. I have not received a response. State citation, we had 145 citations. Mayor Williford – Now the cameras are up and running for safety reasons. Chief Gilliland – The Redspeed cameras are not registering speed when school is not in session, the only cameras running is our flock cameras are up and run 24/7. They let us know if someone is driving on an expired tag, has a warrant, or if a tag has been entered into GCIC for any reason. We get a notification immediately. I also wanted to let everyone know that Lieutenant Salazar and Molly graduated last Thursday. Molly is ready to go to work.

Superintendent Gamble – WACM food distribution wants to do remodeling to the upstairs of the building that they lease from the city. I want to make sure it is ok for them to do the remodeling. I received some plans from Mt. Avery Baptist Church, they are doing a parking lot. They are going to have a retention pond 40ft. deep to hold all water run-off. I have talked to Ben Skipper and requested they put up a 4ft high safety fence around the pond. We are also still working on the water park. I will be going tomorrow to pick up materials from Browns Pools.

Chief Gilliland – I have started looking at some dates, October 28 we plan on doing the car show at the elementary school. I have received approval for Mrs. Long at the school. This will help benefit kids at Christmas.

Councilmember Whitley – No Comments

Councilmember Gamble – We have tentatively obtained a Jazz band for the 2023 Block Party for 90 mins. We are talking to local business to see if they want to help facilitate door prizes.

Councilmember Lewis – No Comments

Water Superintendent Gamble – No Comments

Chief Gilliland – No Comments

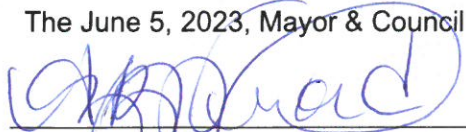
Utility Clerk – No Comments

Mayor Williford – No Comments

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

VII.

The June 5, 2023, Mayor & Council Meeting ended at 6:40 pm.


 Amy R. Williford, Mayor


 ATTEST: Clerk