# **Elected Officials Present City Staff Present**

Mayor, Amy Williford (AW) Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble (RG)

Councilmember, Chris Lewis (CL) Chief of Police, Chris Gilliland (CG) (absent)

Councilmember, Lucy Gamble (LG) Utility Clerk, Wendy Morris (WM)

Councilmember, Donna Whitley (DW)

The Mayor and City Council met for a regular meeting on September 8. 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 6:06 pm, stating we had a Quorum and requesting everyone to silence all electronic devices.

The first order of business was the Approval of the Meeting Agenda; Councilmember Whitley asked to table the discussion on water rates and Councilmember Gamble asked to table the quotes on mulch. Mayor Williford asked for a Motion to approve. **Motion By:** Councilmember Whitley **Second By:** Councilmember Lewis, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

**Minutes For Approval:**

Work Session Minutes June 29, 2023

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting July 25, 2023

**Motion By:** Councilmember Lewis, **Second By:** Councilmember Whitley, **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:**

* Change the millage rate to the rollback rate of 6.489% which means no increase in property taxes from the city. **Motion By**: Councilmember Whitley. **Second By:** Councilmember Lewis, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.
* Hiring LeEllen Woodard as the Water Utility Clerk. **Motion By:** Councilmember Whitley, **Seconded By**: Councilmember Lewis, **Motion Approved** with No Objections.

**Councilmember Gamble:**

* Received an estimate from Playground Boss on a new handicap swing with frame, ramp and bucket seat swing in the amount of $12,940 (includes installation) $7,604 (without installation). **Mayor Williford**: asked for Councilmember Gamble to get (2) more estimates.
* Ashtrays are expensive, will continue to look for other ideas.

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

Sherri Wright – Whitesburg Library: Library is offering computer classes for adults. September 15 at Mcintosh Park at 6pm they will have the story of Chief Mcintosh. The library is beginning to plan for next year’s Whitesburg 150th Anniversary.

**Brianna Conner** – 63 Mcintosh St: Suggest instead of adding mulch can we improve the playground overall. The basketball courts have no netting, weeds growing through the cement cracks and mulch isn’t as important. Instead of adding something new why don’t we fix what we already have? **Mayor Williford:** States the handicap swing is part of improving due to the old swing being broken and with new regulations it must be up to code. **Mrs. Conner**: Inquired about the plans for unused buildings on Main St? **Mayor Williford**: Stated they are occupied and if it is not a hazard then the city cannot enforce anything. **Mrs. Conner**: Asked what is going on with the new City Hall? **Mayor Williford:** Stated the city is discussing different options. **Mrs. Conner:** Has several signs that she would be willing to donate to the city (No Smoking, speed limit, no parking, and slow down). Mrs. Conner also asked if the city was going to repair any roads. **Councilmember Whitley**: said that the city has a list of roads, and the city is working on getting them repaired or patched on the severity. The city is applying for and looking for grants to help pay for the needed repairs. **Mrs. Conner:** Would like something to be done about all the dump trucks coming down Mcintosh and Brannon Street. Councilmember Lewis: Said he would let Chief Gilliand know to have the area patrolled more.

**Kathryn Barber:** 70 Brannon St – Wanted an update on the citing citizens on yard clean up. **Mayor Williford:** The Chief has given out citations, we will get an update from him on this.

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

**Councilmember Whitley** - None

**Councilmember Gamble** - None

**Councilmember Lewis** - None

**Water Superintendent Gamble** - None

**Chief Gilliland** - Absent

**Assistant City Clerk** - None

**Mayor Williford** - None

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

September 8, 2023, Mayor & Council Meeting ended at 6:54pm.

Amy R. Williford, Mayor ATTEST: Clerk

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