



MINUTES

Work Session

August 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 August 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 06:02 pm.

- I. 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

- II. **Citizen Comments & Discussion On Agenda Items:** (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)
 - Kim Arnell (25 White Oak St): Mr. Arnell is concerned about the water rate increase. He thought in 2019 the council adopted to increase water rates \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons each year with no expiration. Councilmember Whitley explained that the rate increase will amount to roughly \$1.88 per month per household. Mr. Arnell was concerned that we don't receive a lot of water from Carroll County just around his shop. Superintendent Gamble stated that there are more properties than just around his shop.

- III. **Business Session:** (Councilmembers have the opportunity to bring items before the Council)
 1. **Councilmember Whitley:**
 - Spoke about the dumpster at the rec center and how much the rates have increased, she has spoken with Robert about getting 90-gallon trash bins, but Robert thinks the dumpster is needed. Councilmember Whitley stated that we did call GFL, and they did discount the dumpster about \$103.00 per month but that was sent over today, and she has not had time to look at contract.
 - Presented LeEllen Woodard as the new water utility clerk. Mrs. Woodard started August 7, 2023 and is learning fast and doing a great job. Thankful that LeEllen is here especially since April has been out for surgery.

 2. **Councilmember Gamble:**
 - A/C at the senior center will be repaired within the next 2 weeks. Mayor Williford: Do we know what is wrong with the A/C? Councilmember Gamble: No, but every year it freezes and needs refrigerant. and the cost of a new unit would be \$10,000. Councilmember Lewis: You can get a new unit for \$3,000-\$4,000.
 - We have to get mulch for both playground areas and a new handicap swing, SPLOST should be able to fund this. Mayor Williford: We need quotes for the mulch and swing.
 - The rec center needs regulations such as no holes in walls, no silly string inside, no tape and no nails. Mayor Williford stated these items were all stated in the contract that the renter signs.
 - We need to designate an area for smoking and vaping, purchase no smoking signs and ashtrays for the smoking area. Mayor Williford: Please get some quotes on the ashtrays. We can get the signs from the County and will need to figure out what area to put the smoking section.



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

- Marcy with Work Partners of GA (743 Main Street) Introducing that their company has started doing drug screens, including alcohol. Marcy would like the city to think about using their company since they are local, here in Whitesburg. Marcy left information with the Mayor and Council about the list of services and cost of services.

V. Mayor/ Council/ City Staff comments

Councilmember Whitley: The pump came in.

Mayor Williford: Several citizens have asked that we make Depot St., no through traffic. It's not really a 2-lane and it's a dangerous little alley.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The August 29, 2023, work session ended at 06:33 pm

Amy R. Williford, Mayor

ATTEST: Clerk

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