



**MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
February 20, 2025 – 6:00 PM**



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**

Assistant City Clerk, Wendy Morris

The Mayor and City Council met for a Public Hearing on February 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 6:01 pm.

I. Invocation was led by Councilmember Kim Arnell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Lucy Gamble.

**II. Citizen Comments & Discussion On Agenda Items:**

**III. Business Session:**

The purpose of these hearings is to gather public input regarding the City's intent to opt out of statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption.

Councilmember Gamble asked what are the positive and negatives regarding HB581.

Attorney Avery Jackson, filling in for City Attorney Kevin Drummond stated that what the city decides will not affect the schools and will not affect the current homeowners' exemptions. Opting In will cap the value of the home which will help homeowners. HB581 does not apply to rentals or business. The purpose of HB581 is to limit property value increase.

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

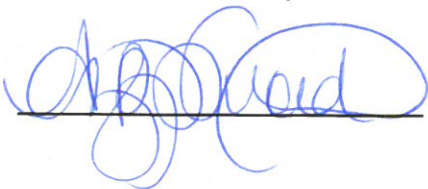
No citizens were in attendance

**V. Mayor/ Council/ City Staff comments**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Arnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., Second By: Councilmember Gamble, Motion Approved with No Objections.

Amy R. Williford, Mayor



ATTEST: Clerk

