**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

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

**CITY STAFF:**

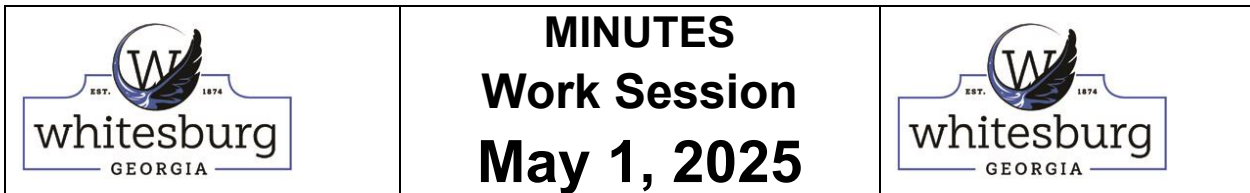
Chief of Police, Keith Creel  
Clerk, April Fordham  
Water Superintendent, Tim Robison  
Asst. City Clerk, Carmen Dollar

The Mayor and City Council met for a Work Session on May 1, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 6:01pm.

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

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

- Juan Nieves with Bases Loaded recently proposed a lease of the fields and gym. Juan initially wanted to rent the fields to hold travel ball tournaments. Juan now states he wants to lease the gym for indoor practices and wants to help the community by doing so. He is willing to do some work in fields/building but wants the city to be responsible for the remainder of upgrades/construction.
- Kayla Denney of Whitesburg (Banning Rd) said her kids play for Juan and he's a great guy. She played at Whitesburg as a kid and wants to see the fields brought back to life.
- Brandon Mulkey introduced himself as a Whitesburg citizen, mentioned he brings his kids to play on the fields and host birthday parties at the rec center and that his kids play for Juan and is a great guy.
- Sheri Wright, Whitesburg librarian, said the Carroll County recreation is always full and kids have to be on a waiting list.
- Ricky Duke was raised in Whitesburg and has been a coach with Carroll County rec dept and Allstars. Ricky mentioned he would love to drive to Whitesburg, closer to home being in his hometown would mean a lot to him and his family.
- Joseph Britt's son plays for Juan and wishes to play at facilities closer to home and he knows Juan would take care of the buildings.
- Brandon Hall mentioned his kids have played for Juan now for nearly 3 years and that Whitesburg is the closest town to home. Juan invests in the kids and even cares how they speak to their parents and that he is a "giant man figure" to the boys. Brandon has full faith in Juan.



**III. Business Session:**

**Councilmember Whitley:**

- Push Bumper and lights for (2) Dodge Chargers and (1) Ford Interceptor: Bumper and lights for all 3 vehicles \$7,077.00.  
Chief Creel stated that the total estimate includes 1 push bumper and 4 lights per vehicle.
- Whitley stated at this time the funds aren't available for new vehicles. The Chief has discussed it with surrounding areas and stated the chargers aren't worth anything and we should just use them until we can't. He advised that he has been searching for deals on trucks for the police department and that we do have surplus items that can be sold for profit. New trucks are too expensive, and City Hall is a priority currently.
- Chief advised to move forward with push bumpers at this time to help keep the employees safe and to prevent from totaling out the cars.

**Councilmember Arnell:**

- Arnell received two Water Tank Inspection estimates from the following:
  1. Complete Restoration, LLC = \$2300
  2. Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group = \$2700  
(If a single mobilization \$2120-difference \$580)
- Pittsburg Tank did our inspections last time.

**Councilmember Gamble:**

- Advised she's heard statements and opinions from others, what else can we do to make this work?
- Whitley stated the proposal from Juan with Bases Loaded asked a lot from the city and that we do not have the budget at this time to do so. The City's budget is made in the previous year and Juan's proposal was not reflected in the budget for 2025.
- Whitley brought up our "City of Whitesburg Recreational Facilities Leagues Use and Agreement and Rules revised February 2009." In that agreement, it states there is no long-term rental, cannot issue keys to renters and the facilities cannot rent for a profit.



**MINUTES**  
**Work Session**  
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**Citizen Comments:**

- Brandon spoke on behalf of Bases Loaded and advised he would get with Juan on the original proposal and see what they can come up with in the hopes a new proposal can help benefit all involved. Asked that Councilmembers do not vote until they can get a new proposal together.
- Sheri Wright from Whitesburg Library expressed concerns about her employee, Ms. Wooten, being attacked by a dog when walking home from work and wants to know why the police haven't done anything more.
- Chief Creel stated he cannot do the job of animal control, and his department responds every time they are called out there. He cannot take the dogs from the owner but stated the dog's owner has been cited by animal control and going to court May 10.
- Sheri has asked what he can do about the dog
- Creel advised the city to have only one person complain about the dogs and many citizens walk the sidewalk, daily, past the same house with issue of Ms. Wooten and dogs. Creel has sent a letter to the owner regarding the leash law. And advised the best option is Magistrate court to handle the issue further.

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

- Water Superintendent Robison stated that he needed to call someone out for the AC for the recreation center and library. Jason Dollar (Carmen Dollar's husband) volunteered his time to diagnose the issues.

The May 1, 2025, Mayor & Council Meeting ended at 7:12 pm.

Amy R. Williford, Mayor

ATTEST: Clerk

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