



MINUTES

Work Session

January 30, 2024 – 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)
Assistant City Clerk, Wendy Morris (WM)

The Mayor and City Council met for a Work Session on January 30, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 6:04 pm.

- I. Invocation was led by Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Chris Lewis.
- II. **Citizen Comments & Discussion On Agenda Items:** (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)
- III. **Business Session:** (Councilmembers have the opportunity to bring items before the Council)
 1. **Mayor Williford:**
 - Recommendations for the empty seat on the Planning and Zoning Board. **Councilmember Gamble** stated that one of recommendations would not be in attendance this evening but could attend the City Council meeting. **Councilmember Gamble** also recommended Dr. Steve Sutton.
 - 325 Old Newnan Road, rezoning of 1 acre. Planning and zoning has made a recommendation and will present it at the Council Meeting.
 2. **Councilmember Whitley:** None
 3. **Councilmember Gamble:**
 - Installing base receivers on the upper field. Councilmember Gamble stated that the upper field is not conditioned for kids over 11 years old. The lower ball field is for kids 11 +.
 4. **Councilmember Lewis:** None
 5. **Councilmember Arnell:** None
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)
 - **Jackie Pate:** The foundation has approached friends and offered up to \$300,000 in funds for the library over 10 years, they ask that the City of Whitesburg still provided the support they are currently providing. With the donations that have been given to the library, the library was able to give pay raises.
 - **Steven Mason:** If we keep everything at the current level, then we will apply for assistance from the state. We would like to add dedicated parking and additions to the library.
 - **Sheri Wright:** The library currently has 1,868 active patrons. In the last quarter we had 3,300 people come through the library. We are planning for the Summer Reading and will implement a free pantry. Last summer the library grew 155 pounds of vegetables that went to the residents in the City of Whitesburg. The library is offering computer classes, and they are filling up.
 - **Jackie Pate:** The Thursday before Easter the Methodist Church will host a last supper at the Whitesburg Recreation Center. Tickets are needed to attend this event.



MINUTES

Work Session

January 30, 2024 – 6:00 PM



Council Chambers, 50 Booster Field Drive, Whitesburg, Georgia 30185

- **Members from New Hope Baptist Church** (Felicia Evans, Rosa Barnes, Charlene Johnson, Donna Jones): Concerned with the condition of the road, the dilapidated mobile home, trash, and overgrowth of homes on McIntosh and Aycock Street. They would like to know the progress on having the road repaved and if code enforcement can get the areas cleaned up.
Councilmember Gamble: A list was given and there is a process to have things completed.
Mayor Williford: Will look into the these issues the week of winter break.

V. Mayor/ Council/ City Staff comments

- **Superintendent Gamble:** The cold weather caused some pipes to bust, therefore we had to buy more water from Carroll County.
- **Councilmember Gamble:** Would like Chief Gilliland to look at the property located at 1057 Main Street. Also, suggest there be a time limit on how long a business can remain not in service. Business' not being in service hurts the revenue of the city.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The January 30, 2024, work session ended at 6:49 pm

Amy R. Williford, Mayor

ATTEST: Clerk