

# MINUTES

## Mayor and Council Meeting

City Of Whitesburg

November 21, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

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

### BUSINESS SESSION (CONTINUED)

**Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble** asked where we are on the street repairs. **Councilmember, Donna Whitley** responded that Rick Hartley is looking at list we provided and the budget to see what funds are available and is also looking into available Grant options.

### VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS: (For The Record, Please State [Your Name & Address] Each Person Kindly Limited To 3 Minutes

None

### IX. MAYOR/COUNCIL/CITY STAFF COMMENTS:

**Chief Gilliland** shared the recent Founders Day event was a great success; raised approximately \$1,500 from the Car Show, and we already have questions about next year. The Blood Drive was also a success as we met our goal of 17 pints. We could not have done this without the help of our City Staff and Volunteers.

**Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble** shared that there are a good many water meters that need replacing – some are not readable. **Councilmember, Donna Whitley** responded that we need to start replacing next month or as soon as possible.

**Councilmember Lucy Gamble** shared the Veteran's Day Lunch that was to be rescheduled is still not scheduled (maybe around Valentines), however, Georgia Power did donate a new Banner. They are also donating 75 Turkeys to the community center for Thanksgiving/Christmas.

**Councilmember, Lucy Gamble** shared briefly about the upcoming Christmas Events **City Lighting of Tree** (Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm) Need Big Red Chair for Santa. **Mayor Williford** mentioned she had ordered a backdrop to use for photos with Santa. **Breakfast With Santa** (Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9-11 am). Christmas decorations will remain up until January 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder that we would like the Officers to keep a check on the Community Center during the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> as this is the holding location of the Christmas Gifts for our community children.

**Councilmember, Lucy Gamble** ask about the update of the new City Hall Building.

**Mayor Williford** stated the new City Hall Building is currently on the back burner due to funding and all construction cost has gone up, so we are not sure if our price quotes are even possible now.

### X. ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 6:49 p.m.

Motion: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Second: Councilmember Lucy Gamble

Vote: 3-0

Adjourned

  
Amy R. Williford, Mayor

  
ATTEST: Clerk

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**Councilmember, Donna Whitley** presented approval of hiring the City's new Utility Billing Clerk (Wendy Morris); she has already been volunteering in the community by serving on the Zoning Committee and we are excited to have her join City Hall. I make a motion to approve this hiring. We are currently looking for someone to fill Wendy's position on the Zoning Committee.

Motion: Councilmember Donna Whitley Second: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Vote: 3-0 **Approved**

**Councilmember, Donna Whitley** presented for Council to approve Christmas Bonus' for the City Hall Staff (\$500 for (11) Full-Time Employees, \$250 for (1) Part-Time Employee) for a total of \$4,250.00. I make a motion we approve the 2022 Christmas Bonus' as presented.

Motion: Councilmember Donna Whitley Second: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Vote: 3-0 **Approved**

**Mayor Williford** asked Council if we wanted to host a Christmas Party for City Staff & Spouses (Proposed Dates: Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> / Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> (Chief Gilliland will let Wanice know if Court is on either of these dates) Possibly catered by Hines. Wanice will email staff for headcount and Chief Gilliland will contact Hines regarding catering. **Councilmember Donna Whitley** made a motion to host Christmas Party.

Motion: Councilmember Donna Whitley Second: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Vote: 3-0 **Approved**

**Councilmember, Donna Whitley** presented the adding of old city vehicles to the surplus list. City Vehicles To Surplus List). Vehicles to be added are as follows and will be advertised (Newspaper/City Website/City Facebook Page) for Sealed Bids from Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> with sealed bids being opened at the Mayor and Council Meeting Scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. (1995 Ford Ranger XL, VIN#1FTCR10A35TA59689 - Odometer Reading - 73,862), (1998 Ford F150 XL, VIN#1FTZF1724WNB5962, Odometer Reading 188,636), and (2000 Ford F250 Super Duty, VIN#1FTNF20L3XEE47706, Odometer Reading 134,210).

Motion: Councilmember Donna Whitley Second: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Vote: 3-0 **Approved**

**Councilmember, Donna Whitley** shared as she was working with Rick Hartley on the budget; he recommended the City consider going to a new Accounting Software Program called Araize Fast Fund. Several other entities Rick serves currently use this software and is much happier with it than QuickBooks. The Araize software provides information easier for the accountants which would save the City money in the long run. Rick will provide us a price quote and will plan for a demo of the software for the office staff if needed.

**Councilmember, Chris Lewis** mentioned the urgency to get the layout and scope of work we want done inside the Recreation Building. Several comments were made regarding the walls/floors. It was agreed that we should go with a concrete type flooring for durability and maintenance purposes.

**Councilmember, Lucy Gamble** mentioned for sure the restrooms and how they needed to be sure they are handicap functional. **Mayor Williford** requested we obtain 3 quotes once we know the layout/scope of work to be done.

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