

MINUTES

City of Whitesburg

Mayor and Council Meeting

September 7, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Silence All Electronic Devices
2. Ascertain Quorum

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Amy Williford, Councilmember Lucy Gamble, Councilmember William Smolar, Councilmember Mike Sprayberry, and Councilmember Kim Arnell.

II. INVOCATION– Councilmember Mike Sprayberry

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember William Smolar

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second - Sprayberry . Vote: 4-0.

V. MINUTES APPROVALS

Mayor and Council Meeting –August 2, 2021
Work Session – July 27, 2021

APPROVED: Motion – Sprayberry, Second – Arnell . Vote: 4-0.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

None.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Rezoning Request – Parcel #W02-0020037
District 3 (Approximately 2.8 acres)
Location: Five Notch Road
Property Owner: Charles L. Wilkes
Rezoning Applicant: Colin Edwards
Purpose of Rezoning: Construction of a Dollar General Store Market

Colin Edwards Developer for Dollar General Market Stores spoke regarding the proposed 12,500 sq. ft. Dollar General Store Market to be located on Five Notch Road. Mr. Edwards advised that Dollar General Store Markets are designed for rural areas which do not have

access to a grocery store. Mr. Edwards advised that he has spoken with neighbors in the area and that all requested conditions will be met, including the following: Installation of yellow bollards, preserving greenspace, GA DOT allowing a curb cut to be on the center of the property, and installation of a chain link fence.

Planning & Zoning Commission member Duana Williford inquired as to the possibility of the City hiring a civil engineer to ensure minimal impact as far as flooding possibilities. Mr. Edwards advised that Dollar General Market's engineering firm will do a complete study regarding runoff and topography before construction. In addition, Dollar General will be responsible for landscaping, maintenance, etc. of the new store.

Sean McCraney suggested speed bumps in area to reduce speeding. Sierra Leone spoke in favor of the Dollar General Store Market and answered questions regarding same. Julie Patrick stated various reasons she was opposed to the development.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second - Sprayberry . Vote: 3-2 (Councilmember Gamble abstaining, Councilmember Arnell opposed). Mayor Williford voted in favor to break the tie vote.

2. Proclamation – Georgia Cities Week (October 3rd – 9th, 2021)

APPROVED: Motion – Gamble, Second – Sprayberry. Vote: 4-0.

3. Discussion – October Fest scheduled for October 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Councilmember Gamble discussed the upcoming October Fest which will be held on October 9, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

4. Purchase of three (3) office chairs to be used at City Hall and Police Dept. at a cost of \$750.00

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second – Arnell . Vote: 4-0.

5. Intergovernmental Agreement Between Carroll County, GA and City of Whitesburg for a New City Hall

Councilmember Smolar outlined the details of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Carroll County, GA and the City of Whitesburg for Phase 1 of the new Whitesburg City Hall.

APPROVED: Motion – Smolar, Second – Gamble. Vote: 4-0.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Michael Thomas of Forest Circle expressed concerns about the following:

- Abandoned/dilapidated houses at 178, 152, and 204 Moore Street
- Condition of Jones Mill Road
- Condition of roundabout
- Lack of Police protection/police officer pay

Councilmember Smolar advised Mr. Thomas that those items need funding. Councilmember Smolar also stated that the County was in the processing of repaving Jones Mill Road in the near future and that the cost to pave a one-mile road is approximately \$100,000.

Imogene Frazier inquired as to when ordinances would be enforced. Police Chief Eddie Thompson advised that the Court Clerk is in the process of sending out letters to property owners regarding those matters. The letters give property owners 30-days to correct the violation. If no efforts are made, then a citation will be written and the property owner will have to appear before the Municipal Court Judge for a ruling.

IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF COMMENTS

- Councilmember Sprayberry stated that two candidates for Police Chief had been interviewed.
Thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for their recent efforts with the Dollar General Market Store.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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