



MINUTES Work Session

November 28, 2023 – 6:00 PM



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

waterElected 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) - **Absent**
Assistant City Clerk, Wendy Morris (WM)

The Mayor and City Council met for a Work Session on November 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 06:01 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: None**

III. **Business Session:**

1. Mayor Williford:

- Work Session and Council meeting schedule for 2024, we will need to Change the November 2024 Council meeting and the December 2024 Council meeting due to elections.
- We have already voted in the ordinance for the game rooms, we will need to vote Monday to repeal and replace the old ordinance with the new one voted in as well as vote on the Game Room Business License.
- Councilmember Arnell will need to attend the Newly Elected Official training in March 2024, total for training and hotel \$834.15.

2. Councilmember Whitley:

- Recommended changing city hall business hours to 8:00am - 4:30pm with a 30-minute lunch. The change of the hours will be in line with other municipalities.

3. Councilmember Gamble:

- Recommended raising rec rental rates and updating rental rules and regulations. All other surrounding cities rental rates are higher, and they have more regulations on renting. **Councilmember Whitley:** suggested we wait to raise rates until the rec center has been remodeled. **Councilmember Arnell:** also suggested raising the deposit on the rec rental. **Councilmember Whitley:** suggested raising the rates on the ballfield as well. Councilmember Gamble stated that she is thinking about forming a recreation committee to help assist with the ballfield.
- Received 3 estimates for the senior center HVAC (1) Dollar Heating and Air \$9,230.00 discounted price if paid in full \$7, 710.00 (2) Maxwell Heating and Air \$10,186.00 discounted priced if paid in full \$9,575.00 (3) Merrell Heating and Air \$10, 016.00. **Councilmember Arnell:** asked what brand are the units and what does the 1 year maintenance service include. **Councilmember Lewis:** asked does the estimate from Dollar Heating and Air include a new pan and pad. **Councilmember Gamble:** will call the companies and get clarification.

4. Councilmember Arnell:



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- Received a quote of \$375.00 from Richard Nichols IT Service on a laptop for the water dept. The laptop comes with a 2-year warranty. **Councilmember Whitley**: we will need to get a MiFi ordered for Robert and Tim to have internet at the water department.

IV. Citizen Comments: None

V. Mayor/ Council/ City Staff comments

Superintendent Gamble:

- Due to the condition of the bucket truck, we use from the county and the height of the Christmas tree, it has become too much to decorate. The tree is as high as the utility lines. The city will need to come up with a different plan for next season.
- The Christmas lights on the power poles that we install every year, it seems the cable company that is installing new lines has removed some of the brackets. We had 1 light fall over the weekend. We will need a plan of what we are going to do about these lights so it does not become an issue.
- The driveway at the entrance to Whiteoak will need to be repaired, it is breaking away. The city will probably have to a DOT Permit to make this repair.
- The water department needs to replace (2) Fluoride Saturator Tops, as they are not working properly. The cost for the tops is \$5,156.00 for 2 plus freight. We do not have a price on freight.

Councilmember Arnell:

- If our budget allows, the city could look at hiring help in the summer to help keep up with cutting grass and cleaning up.

Councilmember Gamble:

- Thank you to all that attended the Whitesburg Thanksgiving service.
- Thank you to Tim and Robert for repairing an area in the road at the beginning of the subdivision.
- The senior luncheon will be the 3rd Tuesday in December at La Estacion.
- This Saturday is breakfast with Santa @ 08:00am. Decoration begins Thursday for the festival of trees.

Mayor Williford:

- Due to the uncertainty of the weather on Friday December 1, we will cancel the lighting of the Christmas tree. We hope everyone can come to the rec center on Saturday to enjoy Breakfast with Santa.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The November 28, 2023, work session ended at 07:07 pm

Amy R. Williford, Mayor

ATTEST: Clerk