

MINUTES

City Of Whitesburg Mayor and Council Meeting

October 3, 2022 - 6:04 p.m.

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

Councilmember Gamble - Please send anything you have regarding the history of the city for Founders Day. Reminder of Senior Meeting – 3rd Monday of Month Reminder everyone needs to work together.

Mayor Williford - 2022 West Central Georgia Regional Hospital Mayors' Motorcade (Councilmember Gamble will be gathering items – Must be in Columbus by Dec. 6th).

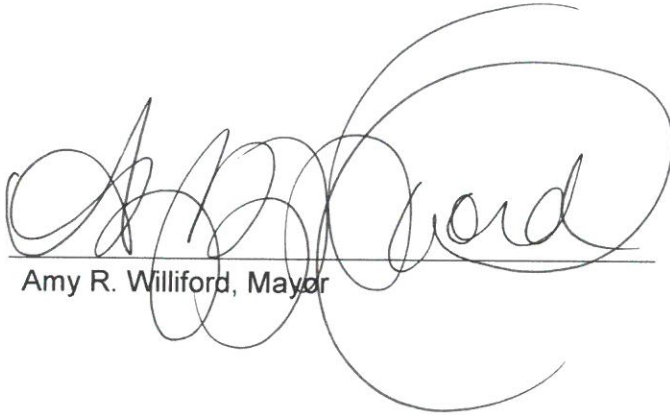
X. ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 7:11 p.m.

Motion: Councilmember Chris Lewis Second: Councilmember Donna Whitley

Vote: 3-0

Adjourned



Amy R. Williford, Mayor



ATTEST: Clerk

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

Michael Thomas, 136 Forrest Circle stated roads at Moore Street and Jones Mill Road are deteriorating and are beyond stupid messed-up. The city may be liable if they know there are issues, and they do nothing – these are hazards to the community. We drive on these roads daily and are tired of our vehicles getting torn up.

Mayor Williford responded that Robert has been working to get quotes to repair roads like Jones Mill. **Councilmember Gamble** – Recognized the need for the many road and street repairs; the lack of money is the current issue.

Mayor Williford explained there are different pots of money that roads and PD expense are paid from; we are required by the county each year to identify what these funds are allocated for (some of the 2013 SPLOST Funds are allocated for Roads/PD)

Chief Gilliland introduced Michael Griffin, Officer at CCSO who Breeds K-9 Dogs. Cliff/Mo Provided Demonstration of K-9 Dog – All Medical expenses are covered under the original purchase fee of dog. K-9 is very structured. Various Breeds of dogs available and cost varies depending on breed and whether the dog is fully trained or not trained estimated cost \$5,000 - \$9,500 (Approx \$7,000). K-9 offers multi-purpose uses (not trained for alcohol or marijuana). Cliff is a local trainer, will replace the dog if at any time the dog fails to meet expectations.

Citizen Imogene asked who would be responsible for caring for the dog?

Chief Gilliland responded that Officer Danny Salazar would be always responsible for K-9, on and off-duty.

Kim Arnell asked if we could just request the use of a K-9 from another County Police Department.

Chief Gilliland responded, Yes; of course, only problem is they are in high demand, and rarely are there any available.

Citizen commented since the K-9 will be used a large portion of the time for the school, is the county willing to pay 1/2 the cost?

Kim Arnell, stated “I’m not opposed to the K-9, I just think the roads are a bigger issue than drugs”

Citizen commented would we need to retro-fit a car with a cage for the K-9?

Chief Gilliland responded yes, but we already have another agency that has provided a cage for the K-9, and he will be installing the cage so there is no additional cost to the City.

Citizen commented since the K-9 will be used a large portion of the time for the school, is the county willing to pay 1/2 the cost?

Chief Gilliland responded, unfortunately not; however, the dog will be greatly used and will generate more revenue for the city.

Torri Yearta asked about property at 61 Brannon St

Mayor Williford responded; the Zoning Committee is meeting Wednesday at 5:30. City Attorney said it would need to be rezoned. Planning & Zoning Committee will bring recommendation to Council for vote.

IX. MAYOR/COUNCIL/CITY STAFF COMMENTS:

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Mayor Williford – Stated, until the budget is set, we will not know what funds are available to spend from the PD.

Councilmember Whitley – Emphasize the need for the new computer, and that it was not just a “luxury”, it is mainly needed to handle the new RedSpeed Equipment that will be used with the cameras in front of the school.

Chief Gilliland – Stated he receives constant feedback from citizens about drugs; recently found new type of drugs in city. Stated they can’t just stop cars & search them, but dogs can it on drugs without a warrant. There are grants available for drug dogs, and we are searching to see what is available.

Mayor Williford - We need a Motion & Second for the purchase of the Chief of PD’s new computer that is required for the use of the new RedSpeed Equipment (see price quote of \$1,010 to be paid with SPLOST 2013 Funds).

Motion: Councilmember Chris Lewis Second: Councilmember Donna Whitley

Vote: 3-0

Approved

Blood Drive – 11/11/22 (Chief Chris Gilliland)

Still on schedule – Flyers available on back table.

Founder’s Day Festival & Car Show/Vendors – 11/12/22 (Chief Chris Gilliland)

We are having good response – keep spreading the word – Flyers available on back table.

Veterans’ Lunch (Tentative Sponsorship By Georgia Power) - 11/11/22 (Councilmember Lucy Gamble)

Still hopeful, waiting to confirm with Georgia Power – Location Railroad Log Cabin

Mayor Williford - Councilmember Whitley, please share the update on the new office forms.

Councilmember Whitley – The new timesheets are generated in Excel and dates are automatically populated; it will be used by all employees. Your new individual timesheet will be sent to you by email. The office staff will be glad to answer any questions you may have and will offer demonstrations if necessary. We also have a Debit Card Sign-Out/In Form that must be used when requesting to use the debit card. There’s also a Debit Card Receipt Form that must be completed and returned with your receipt to show the business need for the purchase. These forms are all necessary for good business practices. I make a motion to adopt the use of these new forms.

Motion: Councilmember Donna Whitley Second: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Vote: 3-0

Approved

Mayor Williford - Councilmember Whitley, please speak to the appointment of Mrs. Wanice Odell as the new Assistant City Clerk.

Councilmember Whitley – Wanice has done an excellent job since coming on board with us in the Water Department back in June; she’s a hard worker and is learning a lot. We are excited to have her, and I make a motion to promote her as the new Assistant City Clerk.

Motion: Councilmember Donna Whitley Second: Councilmember Chris Lewis

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ATTENDEES

√ Mayor, Amy Williford (AW)	√ Councilmember, Lucy Gamble (LG)
√ Councilmember, Chris Lewis (CL)	√ Councilmember, Donna Whitley (DW)
√ Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble (RG)	√ Chief Of Police, Chris Gilliland (CG)
√ Assistant City Clerk, Wanice Odell (WO)	√ Police Clerk, April Fordham (AF)

I. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Williford

1. Silence All Electronic Devices
2. Ascertain Quorum

II. INVOCATION - Water Superintendent Robert Gamble

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Chris Lewis

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mayor Williford

Motion: Councilmember Chris Lewis Second: Councilmember Donna Whitley
Vote: 3-0

Approved

V. MINUTES APPROVAL - Mayor Williford

08/30/2022 Work Session

Motion: Councilmember Chris Lewis Second: Councilmember Lucy Gamble

Motion: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Vote: 3-0

Approved

09/06/2022 Council Meeting

Motion: Councilmember Donna Whitley Second: Councilmember Chris Lewis

Vote: 3-0

Approved

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS & DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS (For The Record, Please State [Name & Address] Each Person Kindly Limited To 3 Minutes

Kim Arnell, 25 Oak Street - Why spend SPLOST dollars when the Police Department has revenue dollars to cover this cost. Why spend dollars on K-9 Dog (there will be a lot of upkeep expense) I agree there is a drug problem, but the city has other issues too like bad roads and street repairs, etc. that are needed.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

Purchase New Computer & Police Dog For PD (Chief Chris Gilliland)

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