



# MINUTES

## Work Session

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 – 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 September 26, 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 in the Public Hearing.  
 Additions added to the agenda: None
- II. **Citizen Comments & Discussion On Agenda Items:** (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)
- III. **Business Session:**
  1. **Councilmember Whitley:** Discussed the City Clerk Skills Development class on October 17-19 in Tifton, GA. Donna Whitley and Wendy Morris will attend 2 classes each at \$150.00 per class. Hotel cost will be approximately \$1088.00 for 2 nights.
  2. **Councilmember Lewis:** Discussed the GBI Rapid-ID Edge fingerprint scanners for the PD. Councilmember Lewis will get with Lieutenant Salazar on pricing. The PD also has a price of \$649.00 for a Refurbished Toughbook for Austin Purcell's police interceptor, as his is currently outdated and cannot keep up with the new updates.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** (Please state name & address; speaking limited to 3 minutes)  
**Margery Bouris:** League of Women's voters are holding a Meet and Greet for the 2 Post 2 candidates at the Whitesburg Library on October 5, 2023 @ 6pm.
- V. **Mayor/ Council/ City Staff comments**
  1. **Councilmember Gamble:** Received 2 quotes for the handicap swing. It will be 1 frame with (2) handicap swings and this will make the city compliant with the ADA regulations. Councilmember Gamble will also get estimates to replace the senior center HVAC. Keeping Carroll Beautiful Grant is not fitting for our needs. Councilmember Gamble would like to get a City Ordinance to make the City of Whitesburg smoke free.
  2. **Chief of Police, Chris Gilliland:** There was an incident with the coin operated amusement machines at one of our stores. It was observed that a store clerk was paying out a large sum of money for a payout from the machine. An investigator was contacted and after his investigation the machines at this store have been shut down and their license was revoked. Chief Gilliland gave the Mayor and City Council a copy of another city's ordinance on the gaming machines. Chief Gilliland said we need to get more strict with our ordinance on the gaming machines. **Kim Arnell:** Asked if the city can pass an ordinance to ban these machines. **Chief Gilliland:** Stated that due to them being permitted in the state it would be a legal battle.



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3. **Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble:** The fire hydrant at 56 McIntosh will need to be replaced in the near future, after looking at material cost the estimated cost to replace the hydrant will be between \$8,000-\$11,000. The hydrant at Railroad St will be up and running by the end of this week. The 310 John Deere Tractor will need to be serviced, it has seals that are leaking and other minor issues. The water service truck will need new tires in the next couple of weeks. The city will also need to purchase a new edger at a cost of \$485.00. The water dept. has applied for a grant on the Lead and Copper pipe. Regardless of the grant we have 10 locations that need to be dug up and replaced. Superintendent Gamble also discussed he will be attending a conference in Helen, GA on October 22-25. The cost for the Hotel is \$219 per night.
4. **Mayor Williford:** Is getting an estimate from McIntosh Paving on adding a commitment line at the stop sign on Jones Mill Road. Mayor Williford also discussed refunding the property owner on Old Fish Camp Road for the variance application. The homeowner will no longer need this due to the property being destroyed in a fire. The homeowner will need to confirm that their septic tank is up to code before placing a mobile home or building a new house on the property.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The September 26, 2023, work session ended at 6:55 pm

Amy R. Williford, Mayor

ATTEST: Clerk

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