

MINUTES

City of Whitesburg

Mayor and Council Meeting

July 6, 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

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

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS/ISSUES

There were none.

VII. BUSINESS SESSION

1. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License for Retail Sale of Packaged Distilled Spirits (Jyotsna Patel) Applicant

A public hearing was held at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Mayor and Council meeting regarding the approval of an alcoholic beverage license for retail sale of packaged distilled spirits for applicant (Jyotsna Patel). Those speaking in favor: Mr. Dhaval Patel spoke on behalf of applicant (Jyotsna Patel). Mr. Patel explained the progress on the renovation process of the building where the new business will be located if approved by the Mayor and Council. Those speaking opposed: Wendy Morris.

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

2. Resolution 02-2021 – Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan of Carroll County

Mayor Williford advised that pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the City is required to adopt the Carroll County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. Documentation regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan was included in the Mayor and Council agenda packet. Ms. Amy Goolsby from Carroll County Emergency Management Agency explained that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is multi-

jurisdictional and must be adopted every four (4) years by each local municipality and the County in order for the County to receive hazard mitigation funds from the Federal Government.

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

3. Georgia Clerks Education Institute Fall Conference for Certification to be held in Athens (Brittany Reichert and Sherry Bilbo)

Councilmember Smolar presented information regarding certification training for Brittany Reichert and Sherry Bilbo at the Georgia Clerks Education Institute Fall Conference which will be held September 12 – 14, 2021 in Athens. Attendance at the conference is required for certification as a city clerk as well as continuing education hours required to maintain certification. The cost for registration and hotel accommodations is approximately \$1,124.00.

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

4. Appointments - Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Williford advised that due to Harvey Bowen's health, he is no longer serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Therefore; an appointment needs to be made to fill the vacancy. Also, Planning and Zoning Commission member Mike Thomas has advised that he no longer desires to serve on the Commission. The following individuals were suggested nominees to fill the vacancies for the Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Wendy Morris
2. Ted Holloway
3. John Lynch

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to appoint Wendy Morris and Ted Holloway to terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MINUTES TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ARE NOT OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2 (e) (2) (c)**

Motion by Councilmember Smolar, second by Councilmember Sprayberry to amend the agenda to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. VOTE: 4-0.

Clerk's Note: At this time, (6:11 p.m.) the Mayor and Council relocated to enter into Executive Session. During the Executive Session, an Affidavit was circulated and signed by each member of the Mayor and Council in attendance attesting that the items discussed (personnel matter) during Executive Session were pursuant to Georgia State Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)).

Upon return to the Council Chambers at approximately (6:31 p.m.), Motion by Councilmember Sprayberry, second by Councilmember Smolar to enter back into open meeting session. VOTE: 4-0.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

IX. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF COMMENTS


- Superintendent Robert Gamble advised that he needs to order a couple of loads of gravel for a washed-out area at Argo Road. Superintendent Gamble also advised that A.E.D. representatives would soon be testing the A.E.D. machines.
- Councilmember Gamble provided an update on the upcoming Post 4th event which will be held on Saturday, July 10th. Councilmember Gamble advised that hot dogs and hamburgers

will be provided, as well as snow cones and cotton candy. Fireworks will begin at 9:00 p.m. Councilmember Gamble also stated that additional roof repairs are needed at the Recreation Center building.

- Councilmember Sprayberry advised that he will not be in attendance at the August 2nd meeting.
- Councilmember Smolar stated that a meeting needs to be scheduled to swear in new Planning and Zoning Commission members.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Amy Williford, Mayor

ATTEST

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