

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2020

The Whigham City Council met in a special session on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Whigham Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was held in place of the regularly scheduled October 13, 2020 Council meeting.

Members of the Council present were Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, and Jim Sellers. Joel Singletary was absent. Also present were Police Chief Tony Black and City Clerk Lisa Calhoun.

Agenda Adoption – A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Trey Gainous. Seconded by Jim Sellers. All members present voted for the motion.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Jimmie Laing to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Council meeting. Motion received a second from Dusty Brown. Laing, Brown, Trey Gainous, and Jim Sellers voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. .

Reports – **Police Report** – City Council reviewed the police report for the month of September. A total of 13 citations were written for the month.

Utility Report – Utility Director Ausburn was absent. No utility report presented.

City Hall Report – City Clerk Calhoun updated the Council on her research of a new utility billing software. Calhoun stated she had spoken with the Doerun City Clerk who had advised she was not a fan of their Clerkbooks utility billing module. Tyler Technologies is working up a revised quote including if the program is housed on the City server. She also stated some of the options on Tyler's first quote are just that, options. Third party printing is an option. Calhoun urged the Council to keep in mind bringing printing back in house will bring on more expenses for postage, envelopes, ink, possible postage meter upgrade and etc.

The City Clerk briefly updated the Council on CARES Act Funding. The City of Whigham receiving their total first round CARES funding. The first round consisted of 30% of the \$1.23 billion the Governor allocated for local governments. GMA has indicated they expect a decision very soon from the Governor's office on the remaining 70% of funds.

Calhoun said Mr. Tuggle indicated he should be able to start work in a couple of weeks on the old museum building and Utility office.

New Business – **2020 Millage Rate** – Motion made by Jim Sellers to set the 2020 Property Tax Millage rate at 5.792 mills as advertised. Motion was seconded by Dusty Brown. Jim Sellers, Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, and Jimmie Laing voted in favor. Motion carried.

ECG FY YES – Motion was made by Dusty Brown to have the ECG 2020 Year End Settlement and Contract Payment Reimbursement credited on the City's ECG bill. The total amount of the

disbursement to be \$1,766.95. Motion was seconded by Trey Gainous. Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, Jim Sellers, and Jimmie Laing all voted for the motion. Motion carried.

Council Matters of Interest – Mayor Trulock asked Council members to ride City streets in the neighborhood and report back to him with priorities for street paving and repairs.

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Sellers to change the Council Meeting time to 6:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month until time is changed back to Daylight Saving Time. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. Sellers, Laing, Dusty Brown, and Trey Gainous voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM by Trey Gainous. Motion was seconded by Dusty Brown. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.


Submitted


Approved