

CITY OF WHIGHAM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2020

The Whigham City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock opened with a word of prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members of the City Council present were: Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers and Joel Singletary. Others in attendance were: Archway Professional Whitney Brannen, Joe Porter, Chuck Thomas, Mary Ellen Knight, Eagle Scout Christian Knight, Utility Director Josh Ausburn, and City Clerk Lisa Calhoun.

**Agenda Adoption**

Mayor Trulock asked that the agenda be amended to move Workers' Compensation Insurance up under public participation so Mr. Joe Porter of Southern Insurance can address the Council. **A motion was made by Trey Gainous to adopt the agenda with the noted change. Dusty Brown seconded the motion. Gainous, Brown, Laing, Sellers, and Singletary voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Jim Sellers to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 Council meeting. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**Public Participation**

Mayor Trulock introduced Joe Porter from Southern Insurance. Trulock disclosed up front that he does business with Joe Porter both personally and as a business owner. The Mayor told the Council Mr. Porter had asked to quote Workers' Compensation Insurance for the City of Whigham. Mayor Trulock indicated the quote from Southern Insurance was \$5,000 - \$6,000 less than the estimated premium with Georgia Municipal Association. Mr. Porter and Mr. Chuck Thomas gave the Council a little background on both Southern Insurance and BITCO Insurance Company. Mr. Porter indicated BITCO is an A+ superior rated company with 1000 municipal customers in the Country, 10% of those are in Georgia. Mr. Thomas said their claim service is second to none.

**A motion was made by Jim Sellers to accept the proposal from Southern Insurance for Workers' Compensation Insurance. Dusty Brown seconded the motion. Jim Sellers, Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, and Joel Singletary voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the City Council.**

Mr. Ambrish Dave entered the meeting and Mayor Trulock told the Council he was present to discuss a beer and wine license for the convenience store located at 248 W. Broad Avenue. City Clerk Calhoun informed the Council the location is closer to the school grounds than the 100 yards specified in the law. However, if a license has been issued to that location prior to July 1, 1981, that requirement does not

apply. Calhoun advised the Council she had consulted with the City attorney on this matter and that was his interpretation of the law. Mr. Dave thanked the Council and left the meeting.

### Reports

**City Hall Report** – City Clerk Calhoun told the Council, at the Mayor’s suggestion, she had reached out to ECG and MEAG for guidance/assistance concerning the need to change utility software. John Giles advised of a couple options. One option being PSD software which is an ECG partner. He asked the City not make a rushed decision and give him some time to work on it.

Calhoun reported there would be no more CARES Act Funding at this time. The State has opted to use the remainder of the funding to repay the Georgia Unemployment Trust Fund. Calhoun also informed the Council repairs had begun on the Old Museum Building and the Utility Director’s office.

The City Clerk told the Council of a resident who had been sent a letter back in 2006 advising them their property address was incorrect and the address needed to be corrected. Calhoun assuming the address had been given to the resident by a previous City employee. The address given was an even number and every address on that side of the street should be an odd number. Again in 2008 Calhoun reminded the resident of the improper address. Recently, City Hall received returned mail from the postal carrier with a hand written note that the address on the City utility bill was incorrect. Calhoun checked with 911 and they are using the incorrect odd number for the address. City Clerk Calhoun requested a decision from the Council on the address. Leave the address at the improper assigned 202 address or require the resident to change to the correct 207 property address? **Jim Sellers suggested leaving the address at 202 Walker Street, NW. Other Council members agreed.**

City Clerk Calhoun introduced Eagle Scout Shaun Knight who was in attendance to observe the Council.

### New Business

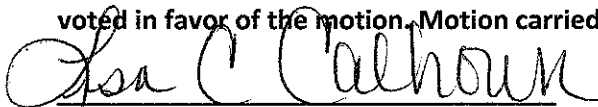
**MEAG Off System Sales** – Motion was made by Jim Sellers to have the MEAG off-System Sales Margins deposited into the Flexible Operating Account, Short Term Portfolio. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. Sellers, Singletary, Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, and Jimmie Laing all voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### Council Matters of Interest

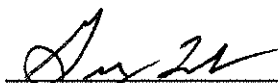
Councilman Jim Sellers mentioned there were two addresses assigned to Cemetery Street that should have been assigned to Laing Avenue because Cemetery Street does not extend past Laing Avenue.

### Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn was made at 6:39 PM by Trey Gainous, and seconded by Jim Sellers. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**



Submitted



Approved

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