

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Trulock opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members of the Council present were: Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary. Others present were: Archway Professional Whitney Brannen, Utility Director Joshua Ausburn, and City Clerk Lisa Calhoun. Police Chief Tony Black was absent.

Agenda Adoption

Motion to adopt the agenda as submitted was made by Trey Gainous. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Joel Singletary to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded by Trey Gainous. Singletary, Gainous, Dusty Brown, Jim Sellers, and Jimmie Laing voted for the motion.

Public Hearings

Addison Hardship Variance – Motion made by Jimmie Laing to approve the hardship variance for Catherine Addison. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. Laing, Singletary, Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, and Jim Sellers voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Mayor and Council received copies of December reports for the police department and the utility department.

City Clerk Calhoun updated the Council on the repair to the old museum building and office of the Utility Director. The contractor is very near completion and hopes to be finished by the end of the week or first of next week.

City Clerk Calhoun reminded the Mayor and Council that 2021 is an election year for the City of Whigham. She also stated the Council needed to formally appoint an Election Superintendent. **A motion was made by Jim Sellers to appoint City Clerk Lisa Calhoun as the Election Superintendent for the 2021 City of Whigham election. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. Sellers, Gainous, Dusty Brown, Jimmie Laing, and Joel Singletary voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

Street Paving – Mayor Trulock told the Council the Depot Street LMIG paving project needs to be let this month. Only one contractor has shown interest in the City’s paving projects. Trulock also explained he would like to rework the ditch on Depot Street. The Mayor went on to say there is no shortage of potholes in town and he thought the best option might be to repair the worse spots and not entire streets.

Council Matters of Interest


The Mayor and Council reviewed the list of standing committee members. Everyone seemed good with current appointments. No changes were made to standing committees.

Councilman Gainous stated he had been questioned as to why City Hall was still closing at 4:00 PM. Mayor Trulock told the Council when City Hall reopened after the COVID-19 closure, City Hall was given the option of cleaning and sanitizing first thing in the morning or last thing in the afternoon. City Hall personnel elected to clean at the end of the day. City Clerk Calhoun told the Council the COVID-19 recommendations included additional cleaning and sanitizing measures. At the end of the day City Hall personnel sanitize common surfaces and mop floors, etc. City Hall employees still work to 5:00 PM, some days past 5:00 PM. City staff has explained to customers the reason for the earlier closure time and explained payment can be put in the drop box.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dusty Brown at 6:25 PM. Motion was seconded by Trey Gainous. All members voted for the motion.


Submitted


Approved