

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Whigham City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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.

Members of the Council present were: Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary. Others present were: Police Tony Black, Utility Director Josh Ausburn, and City Clerk Lisa C Calhoun.

Agenda adoption - Motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Trey Gainous. Motion received a second from Joel Singletary. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Dusty Brown to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. Brown, Laing, Trey Gainous, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Reports – City Council received written reports from the Utility Department and the Police Department for the month of January.

City Clerk Calhoun informed the Council the printing of the January utility billing had been delayed several days because there were unpaid invoices. Calhoun explained that Whigham pays a monthly fee to Thomasville Utilities and Thomasville in turn pays for postage and printing. After contacting ENCO, the printing company, Calhoun was made aware of the delinquent invoices issue. ENCO assured City Clerk Calhoun the bills would be printed and mailed the next day. And they were. On follow-up with a Thomasville Utilities representative, Ms. Calhoun was informed the oversight was a result of staff turnover, Holidays, and COVID quarantine. As a result of the delay in printing, Mayor Trulock had authorized delaying penalties on utility accounts until the end of day February 12, 2021.

City Clerk Calhoun and Mayor Trulock met with John Giles of ECG again to discuss utility billing software. Giles is in discussion with the City of LaGrange to see if adding City of Whigham to their billing system is an option. A least for a temporary solution. LaGrange uses Harris Billing System.

The City Clerk stated Jet Cox had informed her the Whigham Community Club has cancelled the Rattlesnake Roundup that had been scheduled for March 6, 2021. She also told the Council Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve is tentatively scheduled to open February 12th and they need volunteers.

Unfinished Business – Roads – Mayor Trulock told the Council the City is waiting on Southern Contractors for the Depot Street paving. They have been delayed due to the coronavirus. Trulock also stated he has been looking at all streets in town. The Mayor said he thinks marking off sections of the worst areas for repaving is this best option, rather than repaving entire streets.

New Business – 2019/2020 Budget Amendment – Mayor Trulock went over a proposed amended budget for fiscal year 2019/20. The original budget included over \$90,000 in prior years resources and

that number was reduced on the amended budget to \$74,172.97. **Motion was made by Trey Gainous to amend the 2019/2020 City of Whigham Budget as proposed. The motion received a second from Jimmie Laing. Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, Dusty Brown, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Mayor Trulock inquired if there is a weight limit on City Streets. Trulock stating he did not think most Whigham City streets were designed for big truck traffic. City Clerk Calhoun indicated she would check the City Code of Ordinances for truck limits.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Jimmie Laing to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Motion was seconded by Trey Gainous. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.


Submitted


Approved