

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Whigham City Council Chambers located at 105 W. Broad Avenue, Whigham, Georgia. Mayor George Trulock presided over the meeting. Mayor Trulock opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members of the Council present for roll call were: Dusty Brown, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary. Others present were: Archway Professional Whitney Brannen, Utility Director Josh Ausburn, Police Chief Tony Black, and City Clerk Lisa Calhoun.

Agenda Adoption – Motion was made by Jim Sellers to adopt the agenda as presented. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. Sellers, Singletary, and Dusty Brown voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Dusty Brown to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. Brown, Singletary, and Jim Sellers voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Petitions & Communications – Capital City Bank requests garbage service waiver. Utility Director Ausburn pointed out that waiving the garbage fee would also cancel the yard waste collection. Stating the Lawn Maintenance Company retained by the bank sometimes has yard debris out for collection. **Motion was made by Dusty Brown to leave the garbage service as is for Capital City Bank. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. Brown, Singletary, and Jim Sellers voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Councilmember Trey Gainous entered the meeting at 6:08 PM. Councilmember Jimmie Laing arrived a short time later.

Reports – The Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Department report for the month of February.

The City Clerk reminded the Council that Mr. Seller's motion several months ago to change the Council meeting time to 6:00 PM was until the time changed back. She asked if the Council intended to change back to the 7:00 PM meeting time. Jim Sellers proposed the Council continue meeting at 6:00 PM on 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mayor and all Councilmembers concurred.

City Clerk Calhoun gave a brief update on the Utility billing software search. John Giles of ECG has advised the LaGrange option is not feasible. LaGrange has estimated the cost, including moving the data, will be in excess of \$50,000. John is in contact with the ECG Partner who purchased software from South Georgia RDC. Hopefully, we will have another update at the next meeting and be closer to finding a solution. Giles and the partner are aware of the December timeline. Giles has offered ECG staff assistance with the conversion.

New Business – Security Light Rates – City Clerk Calhoun explained that currently the City only has one rate for security lights but has several different size lights installed for different customers. After a local

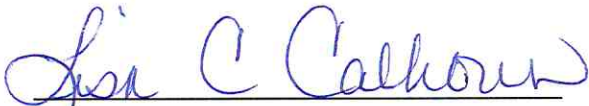
business requested a large light to light up their parking lot, ECG was contacted for an additional rate recommendation for the larger watt fixture which was much more expensive than the standard light fixture. ECG has proposed a rate based on three different fixtures. 50W, 129W, and 252W fixtures. The resolution presented to the Council included the following monthly rates:

Standard Intensity Light Only \$10.00	Light + Pole \$15.00
Medium Intensity Light Only \$16.50	Light + Pole \$21.50
High Intensity Light Only \$33.00	Light + Pole \$38.00

Councilmember Trey Gainous suggested the lights be called something other than security lights.

A motion was made by Trey Gainous to adopt the Security Light Rate Resolution with an amended name for the lights. Motion was seconded by Jim Sellers. Gainous, Sellers, Dusty Brown, Jimmie Laing, and Joel Singletary voted in favor. Motion carried. (Note: Resolution was changed to read Dusk to Dawn Lighting Rates).

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn at 6:21 PM was made by Trey Gainous. Motion was seconded by Jim Sellers. All members voted in favor of the motion.


Submitted


Approved