

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Those present were: Mayor Trulock, Trey Gainous, Joel Singletary, Jim Sellers, Police Chief Tony Black, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn and City Clerk Rachel Rogers.

Agenda Adoption – A motion was made by Jim Sellers to adopt the agenda. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Adoption – A motion was made by Jim Sellers to adopt the minutes from the November meeting. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

City Hall: City Clerk Rachel Rogers informed the Mayor and Council that after several inquiries with the Secretary of State's office and City Attorney Charlie Ferenchick, there will not be a special election held for the Sunday alcohol sales referendum that was voted on in September 2021. The City will have to hold the election in November 2022. Rogers also informed the Council that the utility billing system is still set to be on track for use in completing the January 2022 bills. The Clerk also stated that each Councilman had a Purchasing Card Policy in their folders that would need to be signed so that each employee would have one on file. The Policy was approved in 2020.

Rogers then addressed the Mayor and Council about needing a motion made to remove former City Clerk, Lisa Calhoun, from the Intuit Quickbooks account and replaced with the current clerk, Rachel Rogers. Calhoun is listed as the Primary Contact/Administrator still and while Rogers has an Administrative login, she is still listed as a secondary administrator. **Trey Gainous made a motion to name Rachel Rogers, City Clerk, as the Primary Contact/Administrator of the City of Whigham's Intuit account. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Mayor: Mayor Trulock updated we are still waiting on City of Bainbridge to start paving. We do not have an anticipated start date, but will inform Council as soon as we know something.

Trulock informed the Council he traveled to the ECG Meeting at Lake Oconee and learned a lot. He made contact with the Thomasville City Manager who told him that Thomasville will allow the City access to the UBILL system if the new billing system is not ready and they will continue to provide the support to Whigham until the new system is in place, which was great news.

Trulock also asked the Council to consider increasing the per diem for travel since the amounts have not been updated in years. The Mayor stated he does not want an employee to feel obligated to leave the location of training or education just because the cost is more expensive at the hotel. The City Clerk informed the Council it was \$20+ for breakfast where she traveled last for City Clerk training. The Mayor asked for the Clerk and Chief Tony Black to see what other cities were allowing and we would follow up at the January meeting.

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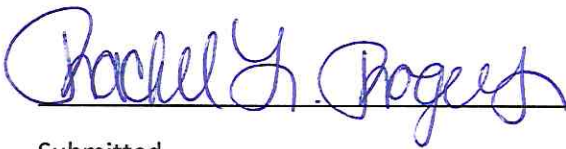
New Business

Regional Commission Appointee: The Mayor informed the Council that it is time to reappoint or nominate a new appointee for representing both the City of Whigham and City of Cairo. Mr. Jim Sellers is the current appointee. Trulock asked Sellers if he was still interested in being the appointee. Sellers responded that he is still interested in holding the position. **Trey Gainous made a motion for Jim Sellers to remain the appointee for the Regional Commission City Representative. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

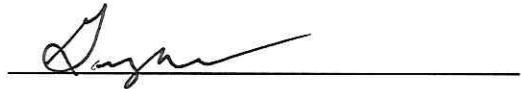
Council Matters of Interest

Jim Sellers told the Council that Michael Bryant, Sandford Bishop's field representative, contacted him about the City submitting a list of names for potentially naming our local post office. Mr. Jim has reached out to Whigham locals Demetrius Cox and Sheridan Harrell to see if they had suggestions on who has influence or shape Whigham. Cox named James Cox and Harrell named Clara Roberts. Sellers is going to follow up with Bryant to see if the Congressman wants the City to make a recommendation or just provide a composed list and submit to Bishop's office. He will report back when he hears what they prefer.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn at 6:12 PM by Trey Gainous, seconded by Joel Singletary. All present in favor. Motion carried.



Submitted



Approved

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