

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2022

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers presiding. Sellers 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 Pro Tem Jim Sellers, Jimmie Laing, Robert Porter, Trey Gainous, Joel Singletary, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, Police Chief Tony Black, Archway Professional Whitney Brannen and City Clerk Rachel Rogers.

Agenda Adoption

A motion was made by Joel Singletary to adopt the agenda. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Adoption

A motion was made by Robert Porter to adopt the minutes from the April meeting. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

The Mayor Pro Tem asked the City Clerk for any reports she had. City Clerk Rogers stated Mayor Trulock had asked her to give a Mayor's Report for him:

Ebenezer Church: Mayor Trulock had not gotten any information yet on the historic recognition yet and asked if the Council would consider moving this to the next month's meeting.

Special Events Permit: Asked to move to next month to discuss.

Archway

Whitney Brannen was present to discuss the renewal of the City being apart of the Archway program. Brannen stated she knows last year she received a letter that the 2021/2022 year would probably be the City's last year participating in Archway, but she wanted to be present to answer any questions or concerns of the Council. Brannen reviewed the projects Archway has helped the City complete and discussed the process of how students pick projects to complete. Sellers asked Brannen for a refresher of what it is that Archway does and what benefits the City is going to have from participation. Brannen explained the Archway Commitment provides student projects, training, funding and other "whole community" ideas that would include the schools, City and entire County. Sellers thanked Brannen for speaking and answering their questions. Sellers asked the Council if anyone had thoughts on the participation. **Trey Gainous made a motion that he was willing to give Archway one more year of City participation to see if we could get a beneficial project completed out of the membership. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

City Seal

City Clerk Rogers informed the Council that City Hall was notified that the new gas station, Bishop's Express, had put the City Seal on their back wall. Rogers informed the Council that the station had been told to cover the Seal until the Council decided whether or not to allow them to use the Seal because Whigham had it trademarked through the Secretary of State's office. None of the Council had any

objections to letting them keep the Seal on their wall. Rogers stated she would type up a letter to reflect the approval.

Sellers asked Chief Tony Black if he had any updates. Chief Black stated the new Crossing Guard had started that morning and she was very excited to be doing the job.

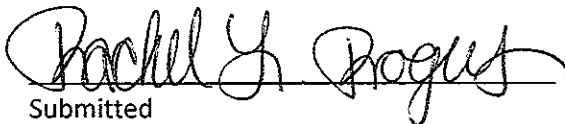
Sellers asked Utilities Director Ausburn if he had any updates to share. Ausburn stated the water and electric meters had been ordered. The water meters were expected to arrive in 9-10 weeks and the electric meters were expected to arrive in 3-4 weeks. He had no update on the paving but had been keeping communication with Bainbridge who was still planning on doing the paving. Ausburn stated he had to do some rebuilding on the bucket truck hydraulics due to hydraulic fluids leaking. Ausburn also stated the power line down Laing and transformers had been replaced.

Sellers mentioned that budget was coming up and if any members had any items or projects they wanted to see done now was the time to be thinking on them. Sellers mentioned he would like to add a budget line item for matching funds for the sidewalk grant and suggested we might could use the recreation money budgeted for the park for starters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trey Gainous. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.



Approved



Submitted