

City OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 12, 2022 at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Members present were: Mayor Trulock, Jim Sellers, Trey Gainous, Joel Singletary, and Jimmie Laing. Others present were: Robert Porter, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, Police Chief Tony Black, 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 Jimmie Laing to adopt the minutes from the January meeting. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Gloria Walden was not present, so Mayor Trulock said we would continue with the next item on the agenda.

Reports

MEAG Year End Settlement Report

Mayor Trulock told the Council we had received the year end settlement report from MEAG for the year 2021 and the City's allotment is \$33,175. He stated that the past few years, we have deposited the Y.E.S. in the Intermediate Term Portfolio. **Trey Gainous made a motion to deposit the Year End Settlement into the Intermediate Term Portfolio. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

ARPA

City Clerk Rogers reported that she had sent references from the Final Guidelines for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to City Attorney Charlie Ferenchick to make sure the City could purchase the AMI Nighthawk meters with the ARPA funds and Attorney Ferenchick confirmed the meters would be covered under the guidelines. Utilities Director Ausburn stated that Nighthawk could start the ordering process as soon as we give them the go ahead. **Trey Gainous made a motion to approve the purchase of the Nighthawk meters with the ARPA money. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

Council Member Recommendations

Mayor Trulock introduced Robert Porter to the Council and asked if any Councilmembers had questions for Mr. Porter. Jim Sellers asked if Mr. Porter had served as an elected official before. Mr. Porter stated he had not, but had retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years of service. He stated he had lived in Whigham since 2017 and would be willing to serve as a Councilmember. (6:07 PM: Andrew and Gloria Walden entered the meeting.) **Joel Singletary made a motion to approve Robert M. Porter as Dusty Brown's vacated position. Jim Sellers seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Public Participation

Gloria and Andrew Walden

Mr. Andrew Walden informed the Mayor and Council that the Ebenezer Community Outreach will host their Easter even on Easter Sunday at 3:00 PM. The Waldens had been inquiring with the National Register about getting a plaque placed for the church building to recognize it as a National Historic building. The National Register told Mrs. Walden to talk to the Council and meet with the Grady Historic Society. Mayor Trulock said he would also make some phone calls to get more information on the process. Mr. and Mrs. Walden thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to speak at the meeting and left the meeting.


Council Matters of Interest

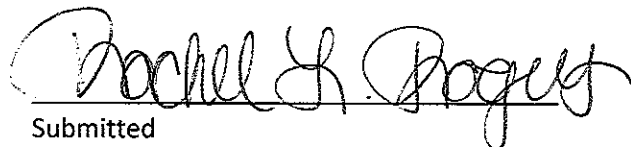
Jim Sellers asked if we could see if the Boy Scouts would be interested in cleaning street signs for a community service project. Mayor Trulock stated he would talk to the Scoutmaster to inquire about this potential project.

Mayor Trulock stated paving project is still on, we are just waiting on the City of Bainbridge. Utilities Director Ausburn stated when the weather warmed up it would better our chances of getting the project done.

Robert Porter was sworn in via oath by City Clerk Rachel Rogers.

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 6:24 P.M.


Approved


Submitted