CITY OF WHIGHAM COUNCIL MEETING December 12, 2023

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the Whigham City Hall with Mayor Trey Gainous presiding. Gainous called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and Robert Porter opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Members present were: Mayor Trey Gainous, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers, Joel Singletary, Andrew Walden, Robert Porter, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, Chief Tony Black, and City Clerk Rachel Jenson. Members of the public present were: Jane Trulock and Judy Sullivan.

Agenda Adoption

A motion was made by Robert Porter to adopt the agenda. Andrew Walden 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

Utilities: The guys have been working on getting some requested new utility services installed. The lights have been placed at the school around the track. The string lights purchased by the WVCC have also been hung in the park.

PD: Chief Black reported that the GBI came and looked at the windows that were shot out at Judge Josh Bell's office, which have been shot out twice. There are no leads on who did the shooting. Otherwise, it has been quiet in Whigham.

City Hall: City Clerk Jenson reminded the Council that the Christmas party was December 21st at 6:30 in the downstairs dining area of the Masonic Lodge. Jenson and Mayor Gainous also told the Council the closing on the bank building would be on the 18th of December and he would be showing the bank building by appointment to interested contractors who wanted to place a bid for doing the upgrading and work.

Council Matters of Interest

Councilman Porter reported that he had attended the Volunteer Community Council meeting the prior night and he had explained to the group how much it would cost to get the building up to code for just a building, no other purpose. He recommended to the WVCC group that the building would be better to just come down and to salvage the bricks, if possible. The bricks could potentially be sold for a donation for historic value purposes.

Mayor Gainous reminded the Council of the mandatory workshop on January 18th, 2024 at 2:00 in the Masonic Lodge downstairs room. He wants all Council and Department Heads to attend. ECG is hosting the workshop and will have DCA and USDA present to speak and answer questions. ECG has recommended no work be done downtown until they come down and see what we have to work with for the workshop. Jon McBrayer is the ECG representative that has been working on the workshop and is

City of Whigham Council Meetings December 12, 2023 very eager to help Whigham with project developments and engineer ideas.

With no other matters to tend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Robert Porter. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Submitted

Approved