

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2019

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock open the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members of the Council present were: Trey Gainous, Dusty Brown, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary. Others present were Jean Strickland, Police Chief Tony Black, and City Clerk Lisa Calhoun.

Agenda Adoption – Councilman Sellers – Point of Order – Catherine Addison is on the agenda for a Hardship Variance but not present. Sellers asked if Addison had to be present. City Clerk indicated someone is usually present for zoning hearings but if the hearing is postponed, additional advertisement would be required. It was also pointed out this is a hardship variance Addison applies for annually. **Sellers made motion to approve the Hardship Variance contingent upon Ms. Addison providing letter from her mom's doctor. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

Motion to adopt the agenda was made Trey Gainous, seconded by Dusty Brown. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Jim Sellers to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. All members voted in favor.

Reports – Chief Black provided the Council with the Police Department report.

Mayor Trulock told the Council the County is moving forward with a vote on TSPLOST. Percentages are based on same County/City split as SPLOST. If passed, Mayor Trulock said money can be used to do downtown street project and other projects. City of Whigham part estimated to be @ \$285,000 for the life of the 5 year TSPLOST. Mayor Trulock asked for Council's input on the TSPLOST projects. All council members indicated they supported the TSPLOST.

City Clerk Calhoun reminded the Council of the City Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 PM at the Whigham Community Club.

New Business – **Council vacancy** – Mayor Trulock told the Council Jimmie Laing has indicated he is willing to serve if it is a unanimous Council decision. Mayor Trulock to talk with Laing again.

Verizon/Cingular Statewide Agreement – Mayor Trulock told the Council ECG has negotiated state-wide wireless agreements on our behalf with Verizon and Cingular. Jim Sellers said he read through the agreements and understands it to require the City to pay make ready costs. The overview provided reads the wireless carrier pays for make ready costs. City Clerk said she contact John Giles for clarification on who is responsible for make ready costs.

Council matters of Interest – Councilman Trey Gainous asked if City would pay \$300 to Irwinomics for a Small Town Podcast episode on the City of Whigham. **Motion was made by Joel Singletary to approve**

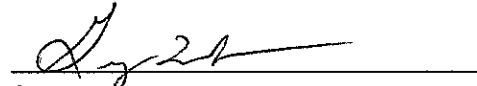
the purchase of a podcast episode with Irwinomics. Motion was seconded by Dusty Brown. Singletary, Brown, & Sellers voted in favor of the motion. Gainous abstained. Motion carried.

Councilman Jim Sellers said he would like to start thinking about going ahead with some work on the park property. Sellers said he would like to see picnic tables with a shelter. He said there is money budgeted. Mayor Trulock indicated he and City Clerk will get with an engineer to see what they recommend for a sewer/septic system on that property as the Council has discussed. Trulock indicating he thinks both can happen, the park and the septic system.

Councilman Singletary asked what the City is going to do about the old jail. Mayor Trulock will talk to the Boy Scouts to see if they can use it as a project and he will also get estimates for repairs.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made at 7:55 Pm by Trey Gainous. Motion seconded by Joel Singletary. All voted in favor.


Submitted


Approve