

CITY OF WHIGHAM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The Whigham City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 11, 2020 with Mayor Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call** – Councilmembers present: Jim Sellers, Joel Singletary, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, and Dusty Brown. Others present: Jean Strickland, Patrick Lambert, Ray Callaway, Whitney Brannen, Utility Director Josh Ausburn, and City Clerk Lisa Calhoun.

**Agenda Adoption** – Motion by Trey Gainous to adopt agenda. Second by Dusty Brown. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the January 14, 2020 minutes was made by Jim Sellers. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing** – Patrick Lambert Rezoning/Variance - A motion was made by Trey Gainous to rezone property at 150 Hudson Street NW from R-2 - Residential to I – Industrial. Motion received a second from Joel Singletary. Gainous, Singletary, Jim Sellers, Dusty Brown, and Jimmie Laing all voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joel Singletary to grant Patrick Lambert a variance on side yard setback requirements at 150 Hudson Street, NW. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. Joel Singletary, Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers, Trey Gainous, and Dusty Brown voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports** – Mayor and Council received written monthly reports from the Police Department and the Utility Department for review.

City Clerk Calhoun told the Council the Incumbency & Signatory Certificate for MEAG needed updating. **Motion was made by Dusty Brown to keep Mayor Trulock and Mayor Pro-tem Jim Sellers as authorized signatures with their election year term. Motion was seconded by Trey Gainous. All members voted for the motion. Motion carried.**

City Clerk Calhoun told the Council a resident has installed solar panels and has requested a bi-directional meter for distributed generation. The application (which was furnished by ECG) for interconnection of distributed generation asked for an application fee of \$50 listed on the application. Calhoun told the Council the customer was not told there would be an application fee because staff was not aware there was a fee. **A motion was made by Jim Sellers to waive the application fee on the current applicant since he was not made aware of the fee, but impose the fee on all future applications. Dusty Brown seconded the motion. Sellers, Brown, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, and Joel Singletary all voted for the motion. Motion carried.**

Calhoun also reported a bid has not been received from Reece Gayle for work on the front of the Utility Department Office and Museum Building. She also told the Council the front window of City Hall continues to leak.

**Unfinished Business – Mowing Contract** – Mayor Trulock told the Council Mr. Callaway is requesting a 12 month, 3 year mowing contract, in the amount of \$56,100 annually. Trulock also stated City Clerk Calhoun had a good idea that the contract should be on our fiscal year. Mayor Trulock suggested the Council enter the contract beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2022. **A motion was made by Joel Singletary to give Mayor Trulock authority to have the mowing contract redrawn for a period of 2 years and 6 months. Contract to begin March 1, 2020. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. Singletary, Gainous, Dusty Brown, Jimmie Laing, and Jim Sellers voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**New Business – TSPLOST** - A motion was made by Trey Gainous to execute the TSPLOST Agreement with Grady County. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, Dusty Brown, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. If passed, the TSPLOST will begin September 1, 2020 and conclude on August 31, 2025. The City of Whigham's allotted share to be 1.9% of the total, not to exceed \$285,000.


**2018/2019 Budget Amendment** – A motion was made by Trey Gainous to adopt the 2018/2019 budget amendment resolution. Motion was seconded by Dusty Brown. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**JAG Probation Contract** - City Clerk Calhoun told the Council Judge Bell dropped off a new Probation Contract with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia (JAG). According to Judge Bell, the contract includes a \$5 per month increase in probation fees for the probationer and he has included another probation alternative. **Motion was made by Trey Gainous to approve the Probation Contract with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. Gainous, Singletary, Dusty Brown, Jim Sellers, and Jimmie Laing voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Regional Commission Appointment** – Motion by Jimmie Laing to reappoint Jim Sellers as the City Representative for the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 PM by Trey Gainous. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. All members voted in favor.

  
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Approved