

City of Whigham
Council Meeting
March 10, 2020

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Whigham Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Trulock opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members of the Council present were: Dusty Brown, Trey Gainous, Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers, and Joel Singletary. Others attending were: Jean Strickland, Bo and Sheli Ladner, Susan Anderson, CPA Perry Henry, Archway Professional Whitney Brannen, Police Chief Tony Black and City Clerk Lisa Calhoun.

Agenda Adoption – A motion was made by Trey Gainous to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Joel Singletary. All members voted for the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting was made by Trey Gainous. Motion was seconded by Jim Sellers. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Participation – Perry Henry - Mayor Trulock turned the meeting over to the auditor, Perry Henry CPA. Henry reviewed the August 31, 2019 City of Whigham Audit Report with the Mayor and Council. Henry issued a clean opinion on the August 31, 2019 statements. He indicated not much has changed and the City has been pretty consistent. The only report on internal controls and compliance is the repeated Lack of Segregation of Duties. Henry said this is a finding that is common in most every small government and it is very unlikely that the City would find it financially feasible to hire enough staff to properly segregate duties. In conclusion, Henry said the city has done a commendable job on the 2019 financials. The one finding cannot be avoided, but must be managed.

Sheli Ladner – Ms. Ladner came before the Council to discuss the sign ordinance. She said if you are sitting at the traffic light, you can't see the businesses. Ladner said she would like to hang a 2x3 sign above the awning of her business extending out from the building instead of flat against the building. This isn't allowed with the current ordinance. **Section 16.04, LOCATIONS PROHIBITED.**No signs other than those signs erected by public governmental agencies or signs required by law, shall be placed so as to overhang any portion of public right-of-ways or other public properties by more than 6 inches. Councilman Sellers said the sign ordinance intent was to keep the signs from hanging over the roadway and that wording of the ordinance should probably be cleaned up. Council agreed to allow Ms. Ladner to hang the sign above her awning.

Reports – Mayor Trulock told the Council the department heads have credit cards and he would like to have a credit card for the Mayor and Council. Saying he doesn't think anyone on the Council will misuse them. Discussed looking at a model spending policy.

Unfinished Business – Museum Building & Façade Repairs – Motion was made by Jim Sellers to contract with Rees Gayle to do redo the façade of the old rattlesnake museum building and utility department building. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. Sellers, Gainous, Dusty Brown, Jim Laing, and Joel Singletary voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Sellers at 7:40 PM. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. All members voted in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned.


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