

CITY OF WHIGHAM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2024

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at the Whigham City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers presiding. Sellers 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.

Those present were: Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers, Jimmie Laing, Joel Singletary, Andrew Walden, Robert Porter, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, and City Clerk Rachel Jenson. Members of the public present: Mrs. Jane Trulock.

***Agenda Adoption***

**A motion was made by Jimmie Laing to adopt the agenda. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

***Minutes Adoption***

**A motion was made by Robert Porter to adopt the minutes from the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Andrew Walden seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

***Public Participation***

Mrs. Trulock discussed the concerns with the treasury report provided by the City Clerk for the Volunteer Community Council meeting. City Clerk Jenson addressed the issue by stating to the Council and Trulock that both she and Mayor Gainous asked the request to be made at least a week in advance by the group as she did not know when the meetings were being held. Jenson stated that Demetrius Cox has been requesting the day of the meeting the past couple of months, so she had been making a copy of the bank statement due to working on other duties. Mrs. Trulock stated that she had not been made aware of the situation and was interested in a detailed report. Jenson stated that she had no problem doing a report if she was given a week's notice. Trulock said she would address that with the group. Jenson also suggested the group look into getting a PO Box for their mail because they had several items sent that they were unaware of what the payment was for, and then it would be a central location and easier for them to keep up with the applications. Trulock also stated the trout lily banners needed to be put up as the Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve was planning to open the first week of February.

***Reports***

Jenson informed the Council that the paperwork has been signed and recorded for the bank building purchase and the property gifted to the City from the Brinsons. The bank was supposed to have everything out of the building by the end of the month and the Contractor was to begin work the first week of February. Mayor Pro Tem Sellers also reminded the Council of the ECG workshop that was upcoming on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Lodge.

***New Business***

***Regional Commission Appointments:*** Mayor Pro Tem told the Council that it was time to renew the appointments for the Regional Commission Representatives. Mr. Jim Sellers was the Elected Official Representative for Whigham/Grady County. The non-public representative for Grady County has been Joe Walden. Both representatives were interested in continuing to serve in these roles. **Robert Porter**

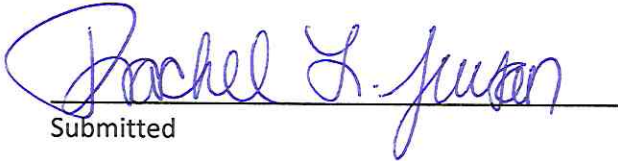
made a motion to keep the representatives as they had been to serve Grady County and the City of Whigham. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

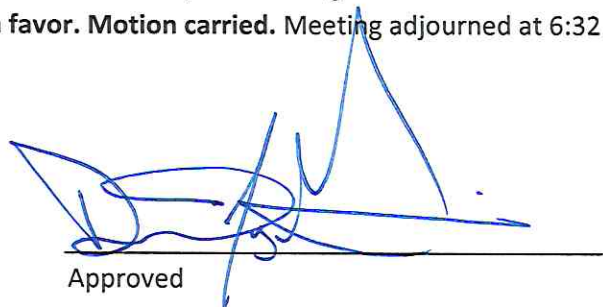
*MEAG Signatory Resolution:* Sellers informed the Council it was time for the annual reappointment for MEAG Signatories. In the prior year, the Council had decided to place Jimmie Laing and Jim Sellers in the signatory positions. **Robert Porter made a motion to keep Sellers and Laing in the signatory positions for MEAG for the 2024 year. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. Walden voted in favor of the motion. Laing abstained from voting as he was being considered for being a signatory. Motion carried.**

***Council Matters of Interest***

Robert Porter inquired about the status of the unclean lots and condemnable building citations. Jenson reported that the offenders were to appear in court on January 22<sup>nd</sup> before Judge Bell. Porter stated he had citizens inquiring about the unsightly properties and would relay the information.

**With no other matters to tend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Jimmi Laing. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.**

  
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