# CITY OF WHIGHAM COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Trulock opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Council members present were: Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers, Joel Singletary (via teleconference) Chief Tony Black, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn and City Clerk Rachel Rogers.

Agenda Adoption – A motion was made by Jim Sellers to adopt the agenda as presented. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Jim Sellers to approve the minutes of the called July 2021 Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jim Sellers to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Jimmie Laing. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

#### Reports

Mayor Trulock informed the council he is pulling a street list together for paving and will report back with the list at the October meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

Sunday Alcohol Sales Resolution for Referendum- The Mayor read the proposed resolution provided that was drafted by City Attorney Charlie Ferenchick calling for the referendum. Jimmie Laing made a motion for the Council to approve the resolution for referendum for the Sunday alcohol sales special election. Jim Sellers seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Truck Route Ordinance Amendment – Mayor Trulock read the proposed ordinance amendment specifying the definition of trucks in the ordinance and included the exceptions. Motion was made by Jim Sellers to approve the amendment for the truck route ordinance. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

2021 Millage Rate – A motion was made by Jimmie Laing to approve the recommended millage rate based on the 2021 Digest values provided by the Tax Commissioner. Jim Sellers seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

American Rescue Plan Act Fund — City Clerk Rogers informed the Council that the Federal Government was requesting an "action plan" from those granted the ARPA Fund money. The Clerk told them the guidelines for the Fund were not finalized, but she had been reviewing the Interim Guidelines for what the City can use the money for and will hopefully have the Finalized Guidelines by next Council Meeting;

City of Whigham Council Minutes September 13, 2021 the submission for the plan is due October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Trulock proposed the City tentatively plan to use the money on updating the water system.

# **Council Matters of Interest**

Councilman Sellers stated he would like to see about granting Ray Callaway, the mowing contractor, a bonus due to the cost of fuel steadily increasing since January. Sellers made a motion for a 5% bonus increase on Callaway's contract. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the bonus increase.

Mayor Trulock read a thank you note from former City Clerk Lisa Calhoun thanking the Mayor and Council for her retirement party.

## **Adjournment**

Motion at 6:17 PM by Jimmie Laing, seconded by Jim Sellers. All present in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted

Approved