

CITY OF WHIGHAM  
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Whigham City Council met in a called meeting for a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor George Trulock presiding. Mayor Trulock called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Council members present were: Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers, Trey Gainous, and Dusty Brown  
Others present were: Police Chief Tony Black, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, Archway Professional Whitney Brannen and City Clerk Rachel Rogers.

**Agenda Adoption – A motion was made by Trey Gainous to adopt the agenda. Dusty Brown seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**Minutes Adoption – A motion was made by Jim Sellers to adopt the minutes from the September meeting. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

#### Public Participation

**Whigham Community Council** – Trey informed the Mayor and Council that the group was going to get on the schedule to speak to Council when they have a more solid plan. The group does have a meeting with Senator Burke for a grant to use for the sidewalks.

#### Reports

**City Hall: City Bank Accounts**- City Clerk Rachel Rogers addressed the Council with the rates provided by each bank in Cairo that we requested for comparison. She stated that all were similar in rates and offers, with the exception of Bank OZK who had minimum balance requirements and a contract required. Mayor Trulock stated he was not commenting on the matter due to the fact that his wife is employed by United National Bank. When asked by Jim Sellers what her opinion on changing banks was, City Clerk Rogers stated she felt like none of the rates provided could justify the City changing to a different bank and with everything set up on automatic draft or deposit, she would be worried a payment may be missed or returned, which would cause further delay. **Dusty Brown made a motion to keep the City bank accounts at the current bank, Capital City Bank. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. Jim Sellers was in favor of the motion along with Brown and Laing. Trey Gainous abstained from voting, due to his wife being employed at Capital City Bank.**

**Paving**- Mayor Trulock presented the roads and cost that the City of Bainbridge will charge us for paving. City of Bainbridge would charge us cost+5%, which would be an excellent deal per Trulock and Utilities Director Josh Ausburn. When reviewing the cost, Mayor Trulock stated the City would only pay \$15/foot compared to \$55/foot that we paid to the other paving company. Jim Sellers asked about extending the footage being paved on Christopher Ave. since we are getting such a good deal. Mayor Trulock said we probably could add the extra footage on and stated the lower cost would give the City the possibility to allow us to do more phases of paving in the future. **Trey Gainous made a motion to use the funds from SPLOST for the paving of the streets presented. Dusty Brown seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

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### New Business

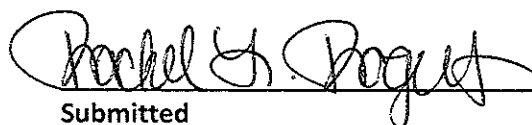
**Cemetery-** Utilities Director Josh Ausburn informed the Council about Cairo Memorials placing coping around a grave that is encroaching on another grave and also in a walkway. He stated the grave was flagged for Cox Funeral Home and dug correctly. Mayor Trulock informed the Council that Charlie drafted a letter that was sent to Cairo Memorials about fixing the coping and we were awaiting a response. He stated we will send a letter and copy of cemetery ordinance to each funeral home and memorial business in Decatur County and Grady County addressing the change to the ordinance. The amended ordinance states that before any work is done in Woodlawn Cemetery, City Hall must be contacted for the grave to be marked and in order to get a no-cost permit to the company doing the work. Chief Tony Black recommended that we send the ordinance and letter annually. **Jimmie Laing made a motion to adopt the amended ordinance. Trey Gainous seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the amended ordinance. Motion carried.**


### Council Matters of Interest

Trey Gainous asked on behalf of the Community Council if Josh could repair the streetlights since DOT would allow the work to be done on the sidewalks and if he could do the work by Christmas. Ausburn stated he did not see the job being done by then. Ausburn did state that Nick Farrell, who lives here locally in Whigham, would possibly be assisting him and Demetrius Cox in applying for grants since Farrell has written and applied for grants before. Ausburn also mentioned that sewer grants had been discussed in their meeting with Farrell as a possibility if the City wanted to apply in the future.

Dusty Brown informed the Council that a contract had been placed on their house that was for sale and the November council meeting may be his last meeting.

**Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn at 6:32 PM by Jim Sellers, seconded by Dusty Brown. All present in favor. Motion carried.

  
Submitted

  
Approved

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