

City OF WHIGHAM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2022

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 14, 2022 at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Sellers called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Members present were: Jim Sellers, Trey Gainous, Joel Singletary, Robert Porter and Jimmie Laing. Others present were: Police Chief Tony Black, Assistant City Clerk Taylor Lambert, Courtney and Kenneth James (with an unnamed woman and their child), Community Club President Bobby Stuckey and City Clerk Rachel Rogers.

***Agenda Adoption***

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

***Minutes Adoption***

**A motion was made by Joel Singletary to adopt the minutes from the May meeting. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

*Mayor Pro Tem Sellers spoke to the Council about how much the late Mayor, George Trulock, would be missed and said the Council members would need to discuss and appoint a new Mayor. The Councilmen asked how the process would work. The City Clerk told the Council members that any current member of the Council could be appointed as Mayor, but a formal motion had to be made. Robert Porter made a motion to move Sellers to the Mayor position. Singletary asked if Sellers wanted to continue being Mayor Pro Tem and let Trey Gainous take the Mayor position. With no other seconds or Councilmen speaking up, Joel Singletary motioned to table the decision until the next Council meeting. Robert Porter seconded the motion to table. All members present voted in favor of the motion.*

***Public Hearing***

Sellers told the Council a public hearing was being held for Kenneth James' residence, 183 NW Christopher Ave. for a zoning variance request due to the fact that the lot size was less than the allotted size, .50 acres. He asked if any of the other Council had any questions. No Councilmen had any questions. **Trey Gainous made a motion to approve the zoning variance. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.** Kenneth James thanked the Council for their time.

***Public Participation***

Bobby Stuckey, President of the Whigham Community Club, says the Club would like to leave the service on at the Roundup Grounds but they cannot afford \$400-\$500 a month for a utility bill. The Mayor Pro Tem and all other Council members present agreed that consulting with the Utilities Director would be the best option. Mr. Stuckey thanked the Council for their time and left the meeting.

### **Reports**

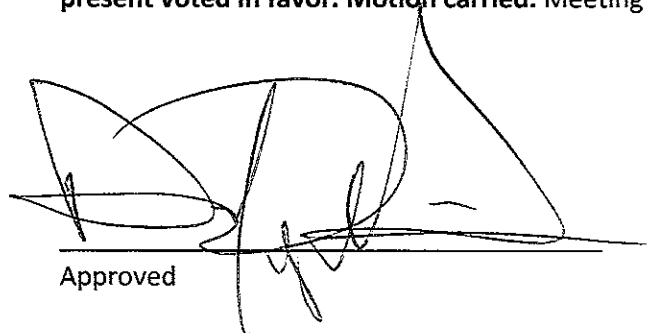
Police Chief Tony Black stated that he and the late Mayor Trulock had discussed future events, such as the derby, that were held by the Community Council and private planners and the involvement of the Whigham Police Department. Chief Black stated he felt that the people holding the event need to be responsible for providing their own security and officers, whom would be paid by the event holders.

*Utilities Director Josh Ausburn entered the meeting at 6:30 PM, stating he had been working a down line incident.* Ausburn stated that the City of Bainbridge had begun paving and anticipated being done within a week's time. He was very pleased with Bainbridge's operation. Everyone agreed the roads paved so far were done very well.

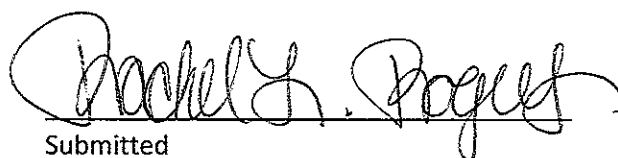
City Clerk Rachel Rogers informed the Council that the County had been in touch with the late Mayor and City Hall about passing the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) rate that was proposed. She informed the Council that the current distribution for the City was 1.9% and the proposed amount was less at 1.63%. There was discussion from the Council members that they believed several years back an agreement was made to not change the sales tax distribution when either Todd Gainous or Terry Parker was Mayor. The City Clerk stated she would check the records and files to see if she could find that information and would report back to the Council at the July meeting.

Chief Black asked the Council about possibly raising the Per Diem rate for the meal reimbursement portion on the travel sheets. He stated that the locations scheduled for training usually have a restaurant on site and is more convenient than going offsite to find somewhere else to eat, but the onsite is usually more expensive. The Clerk stated at City Clerk training at Jekyll, there was not a convenient place to go grab a quick meal and the restaurant averaged about \$30 or more per person. **Joel Singletary made a motion to raise the meal allotment to \$75 per day. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Trey Gainous. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.**



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