

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the Whigham City Council Chambers with Mayor Trey Gainous presiding. Gainous called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and asked Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers to open the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Those present were: Mayor Trey Gainous, Jim Sellers, Robert Porter, Andrew Walden, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, Police Chief Tony Black and Assistant City Clerk Taylor Lambert.

Agenda Adoption

A motion was made by Jim Sellers to adopt the agenda. Andrew Walden 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 August meeting. Andrew Walden seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

2022 Millage Rate: The council voted on the millage rate to not be changed. Mr. Jim Sellers made the statement that increasing the rate would not help the city financially. **Mr. Robert Porter made a motion to approve the rate. Andrew Nelson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

Public participation

Bo Fountain(Trash service Waiver):

Mrs. Fountain was not present but she has three big round cans at the back of the visual impulse building that she wants removed. Mr. Jim Sellers did mention that he didn't see any reason for her to have those three big cans. Utilities director Josh Ausburn spoke up saying it would turn into a dump site if she kept those out there but he did think that she should at least pay for one residential can at both of her locations. The council decided to give Mrs. Fountain the option to step down to paying for one residential can at each location.

Reports

Billing Software: Mayor Gainous as well as the present council members looked over the proposals from two new billing software companies that we acquired. We got a proposal from a company named PCS and after the council looked at the proposal they came to the conclusion that the total cost was not in our budget. The council then looked over the proposal from Edmunds Gov Tech and asked Assistant City Clerk Taylor Lambert if there was anything she wanted to add. She then told the council that there were some software services included in the total cost that could be discarded causing the price to drop.

Mayor Gainous then stated that a decision needed to be made seeing as to how the city was losing revenue using the current billing system. **Mr Jim Sellers made a motion to allow Edmunds to be our new billing system. Mr. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion Carried.**

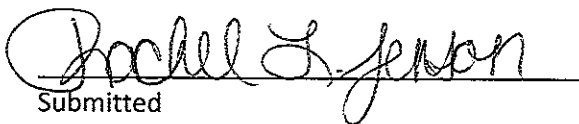
Police Dept: Chief Black informed the Mayor and Council that the motor in the 2011 dodge police truck blew up. Chief Black stated that either the motor could be replaced in the truck or they could purchase a new truck. Mr. Jim Sellers mentioned that they should replace the motor in the truck instead of purchasing a new one. The council decided that they needed more information to make a decision.

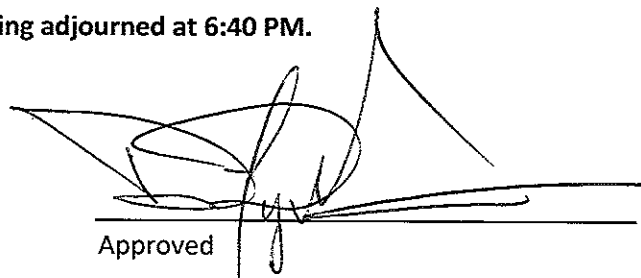
Utilities Dept: Utilities Director Josh Ausburn informed the Council that he has been working on a few power outages caused by faulty lighting arrestors. He has taken all the bad ones down and replaced them with new ones. He's replaced fuel pumps and hydraulic seals on some equipment. The hydraulic hose on the bucket truck had to be replaced. All of the electric meters are in and he is hoping that by the end of September he will have all water meters in. Josh also stated that they have almost cut all the grass around the city and he hopes that the mowers they are using will continue to work for years to come.

Council Matters of Interest

November Council Meeting Date: Mayor Gainous opened the floor for discussion of changing or cancelling the November Council Meeting. Mr. Jim Sellers then expressed that he would rather the date of the meeting be changed versus cancelling it so he suggested that it get changed to Thursday November 10th 2022. **Mr. Andrew Nelson made a motion to change the date to November 10th 2022. Mr. Robert Porter Seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Sellers. Andrew Nelson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.


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