

CITY OF WHIGHAM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2023

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at the Whigham Community Club with Mayor Trey Gainous presiding. Gainous 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 Trey Gainous, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers, Jimmie Laing, Joel Singletary, Andrew Walden, Robert Porter, Police Chief Tony Black, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn and City Clerk Rachel Jenson. Members of the public present were: Raymond Harrell and his son.

***Agenda Adoption***

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

***Public Hearing***

***Budget for 2023/2024 Fiscal Year:*** Mayor Gainous asked the Council if there were any questions on the budget. He stated they had taken off the line-item amount for the fire truck and no other changes had been made. With no questions, **Jim Sellers made a motion to adopt the budget as presented for the 2023/2024 Fiscal year. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

***Public Participation***

***Raymond Harrell:*** Mr. Harrell stated he was interested in purchasing the property on Walker Street that previously had the burnt trailer on it (Janice Washington's former house) but when he spoke to Code Enforcement, they told him that since it had been longer than 6 months since the property was lived on that the Council would have to decide if they would allow a home to be placed there, since it was less than the allotted lot size. Jim Sellers told Mr. Harrell it would ultimately be up to Code Enforcement and the Department of Health with the septic tank situation. Mayor Gainous stated he felt like the Council would allow the property to be grandfathered in for a trailer to be placed there again. With no other comments or objections, Mr. Harrell thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and left the meeting.

***Reports***

***City Hall***

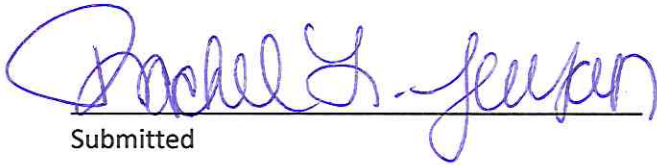
City Clerk Jenson reminded the Mayor and Council that Election Qualifying would be held in 2 weeks from Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-4:30. The AC had been repaired by Mills at City Hall and they were thankful for it since the building next to the PD collapsed and they had temporarily moved the PD into City Hall's conference room.

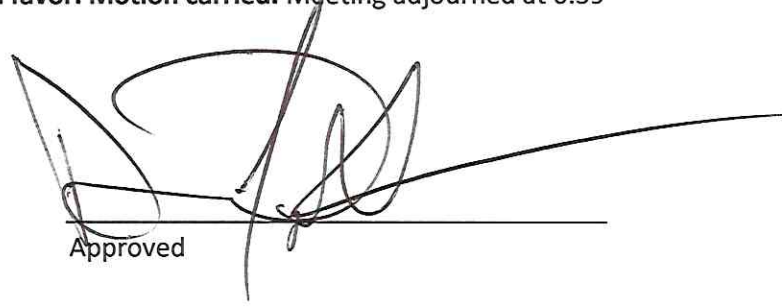
***Police Department***

Chief Black informed the Council that he had spoken to Summer Rivenburg about her property on

Decatur Street and she told him she wanted to keep what she could because of "sentimental value" but knew the trailer was in rough shape and the grass needed cut. Rivenburg told Chief Black she would get the grass cut and see what she could do about the house and property. Chief Black stated he had had a complaint from Annie Harrell about the property and Summer had also received a nuisance property letter from the City.

**With no other matters to tend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Robert Porter. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.**

  
Submitted

  
Approved