

City of White, GA
City Council Meeting
March 5, 2018

Present at the meeting were Mayor Kim Billue, Councilman Dennis Huskins, Councilman Tina Wilhite, City Clerk Robin Deal and City Attorney, Leslie Simmons.

The meeting was called to order by our Mayor Billue at 7:00p.m. Councilman Huskins opened the meeting with an invocation.

The minutes from the meeting of February 5, 2018 were read and approved.

Mark Parnal from Representative Barry Loudermilk's office gave a brief statement on the services that are offered through the state for our citizens. He handed flyers to the clerk for distribution and encouraged citizens to call if they had questions.

The First resolution called for the adoption of Bartow County Animal Control ordinances. A motion was made by Councilman Dennis Huskins and the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilhite. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Second resolution presented called for the adoption of an Engine Brake ordinance prepared by the city attorney. A motion was made by Councilman Dennis Huskins and the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilhite. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Third the resolution to change our polling location from City Hall to White First Methodist Church for the Special Election May 22. A motion was made by Councilman Tina Wilhite and the motion was seconded by Councilman Huskins. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mayor Kim Billue spoke of the upcoming cities week in Georgia, April 22-28. She also announced there would be a contest for Sprucing Up Your Yard. Citizens of White are encouraged to participate as valuable prizes (donated by Home Depot) will be awarded to the winners. Signup at City Hall. Judges will be picked from an outside the city limits.

Chief Hunter reported on the progress of the police department. He gave stats that 53 tickets were written in the month of February. He also stated they were working on drug issues in the area and progress is being made.

City Clerk Robin Deal reported on the billing issues in the water department. She explained how the billing cycles were off due to double billing in December.

Explanation was given on how late charges were applied and the difference in the billing cycles.

Billy Baker explained the upcoming water audit that is due from the city by May of this year. He stated that hiring an outside engineering firm (Rindt McDuff Associates Inc.) to assist with the audit was our best solution. The audit report will cost the city \$13,200. Mr. Baker further explained that several local cities had also used this firm to help with their audits. This must be done so our water department can continue to function.

Mr. Baker also spoke of the Richards Rd Drain project. He stated that some of the work could be performed by the city (clean ditch, remove rocks, remove vegetation) but that the brunt would be handled by an outside firm. John Sweitzer looked at the situation. Kirkpatrick has made a bid of replacing the drain pipe for \$46,000 on one side of the ditch. The entire project could cost us about \$150,000. Baker also believes that the county and the railroad might help cover the costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Huskins to allow the Rindt McDuff Associates to do the Water Department Audit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilhite. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The first reading of the 2018 Budget was waived by Councilman Huskins and a motion was made to accept the 2018 Budget. Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

New business included a request by Misty Hardin to use the ballfield for a tent revival in May. This request was made into a motion by Councilman Huskins, seconded by Councilman Wilhite. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A request for the city to obtain a credit card for city business was also presented. Councilman Huskins made the request into a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilhite. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Councilman Huskins made the motion to end the meeting. Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was closed at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Deal, City Clerk

