

City of White, GA
City Council Meeting
September 4, 2018

Present at the meeting were Mayor Kim Billue, Councilmember Dennis Huskins, Councilmember Tina Wilhite, Councilmember Ryan Evans, Councilmember Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Leslie Simmons, and City Clerk Robin Deal.

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

The minutes from the meeting of Aug 6th were read. Councilmember Huskins made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Ordinances for the Councilmembers to consider:

Tampering with or Damage to City Property – A motion was made by Councilmember Huskins to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilhite. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Repeal Mobile Home Decals – A motion was made by Councilmember Huskins to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by all the Councilmembers – Evans, Buttrum and Wilhite. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Updated Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control – A motion was made by Councilmember Evans to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huskins. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Mayor Billue brought up under old business the bid submitted by Michael Parker Construction for the remaining repairs on the building. She asked the council if they were ready to accept the bid. A motion was made by Councilmember Wilhite to accept the bid from Michael Parker Construction. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Evans. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Monthly report was given by Chief Hunter. He is continuing to hand out city ordinance violations concerning yard maintenance and debris. He reported on the Aug 16 GOHS road check that yielded 6 citations. For a total of three DUI's and three commercial vehicles were shut down due to the check. Also told the council about the Mayfield's Ice Cream with a Cop Program. Two times a month they will go to White Elementary and have a treat with the kids.

Chief Hunter presented the first chapters of the S.O.P.'s he wants the council to consider for adoption.

Chief announced that Nero and Sgt. Barnes would be going to Dooley County the following day to receive their certifications.

The Chief addressed the councilmembers and presented a proposal asking them to help city employees by subsidizing the high costs of family insurance coverage. This proposal was tabled.

Billy Baker presented a proposal on purchasing a trash truck for the city. After a review of the invoices from the landfill it was determined that the city should purchase a vehicle that can handle 9

yards of solid waste. Mr. Baker, Mr. Nichols and the City Maintenance Staff recommended a 9-yard mini rear loader on a Hino 195, 2019 truck – cab over at the costs of \$102,598,00.

Mr. David Bennett spoke about the benefits and the downfalls of the city handling trash themselves. Mayor Billue reminded the citizens and the council that the city was already losing \$10,000 a year on the trash service and that Mr. Bennett had asked for more money. Mr. Bennett stated he would continue to do the trash until the city could take over. The trash truck will be ready in 60-90 days. Councilmember Buttrum made a motion to purchase the recommended trash truck for \$102,598.00. Councilmember Huskins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Mr. John Brooks addressed the council about information he had uncovered more information about parts of our area were involved in the trail of tears. He is working hard on getting more details for us from the local historical societies to help in the verification from the National Park Service.

Pastor Jerry Jude addressed the council to waive the capacity and sewer tap fees for his church, Bread of Life Free Church. Councilmember Buttrum made a motion to waive the fees for the sewer lines for the church. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Mr. Blake Scheff stated there needs to be a sign on 411 in front of the Dollar General letting drivers know that if they are not turning into the store, the lane to the far right is the lane they need to be in to continue north on 411. He stated this is not a deceleration lane and that drivers had been getting stopped there.

Mr. Gary Crisp asked questions about the ordinances that we passed and why weren't they presented to the planning committee. City Attorney, Leslie Simmons addressed his questions by stating that this city charter does not give the council the power to establish a planning committee. She further stated that the ordinances did not have to go before the planning committee. Our charter will be presented to the legislature in January of 2019.

Councilmember Huskins made the motion to end the meeting. Councilmember Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Deal, City Clerk