

City of White, GA
City Council Meeting
August 6, 2018

Present at the meeting were Mayor Kim Billue, Councilman Dennis Huskins, Councilman Tina Wilhite, Councilman Ryan Evans, Councilman 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. Councilman Tina Wilhite opened the meeting with an invocation.

The minutes from the meeting of July 2nd were read. Councilman Huskins made a motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The Resolution to readopt our Floodwater/Storm Water Ordinance was presented. Councilman Huskins made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

An amendment to add W Rocky Street to the “no truck” ordinance was presented. Councilman Huskins made a motion to accept the amendment to the ordinance and Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The Resolution to adopt Bartow County’s Building Permit Fees was presented. Councilman Huskins made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

John Parker from Parker Construction spoke on the remaining repairs to City Hall which include the windows and the brick. He gave a quote of \$35,000 to take care of those items and stated it would take about two weeks. Councilman Buttrum said we should wait on this project. Councilman Huskins said we need more bids and made a motion to table the project. Councilman Buttrum seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

John Switzer spoke about the need for a water rate study. The costs to the city would be \$9500 and he presented a task order with the proposed agreement which would take 60 days to prepare. He would present his findings at the October meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Buttrum to accept the proposal for the rate study and Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chief Hunter reported that he is working on new Standard Operating Procedures for the police department. This is a work in progress as what we have is extremely outdated. Working on getting these updated will get the department accredited could save the department 20-40% on general liability insurance. Serving the citizens of White through education and enforcement is the department motto.

Jimmy Nichols reported on the water department still repairing leaks. He stated that we have fixed 4 leaks in the last three weeks. The exchange of old meters and new meters continues with about 100-125 left to swap. He commended the new guys in the department for maintaining all the grass. He also stated that the county is going fund most of the cost for the relocation of the utility lines at the Cass/White connector. The City of White’s portion is about \$156,000 which the county will cover.

Councilman Huskins made a motion that the council go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property at 7:35 p.m. Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 8:05 p.m. No votes were taken and only the property purchase was discussed during the session.

Mayor Billue called the council meeting back in order at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Billue recommended that the city purchase two basketball goals to be installed at the court for \$5828 plus tax. They will be paid for out of SPLOST money. Councilman Huskins made a motion to make the purchase and Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Mayor Billue brought up that the next council meeting is scheduled on a holiday. A motion was made by Councilman Huskins to move the meeting to Tuesday, Sept 4th. Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chief Hunter addressed the council again about the city road signs that need to be replaced due to fading, areas not marked correctly, signs that need to be moved or the fact they are missing to get us in compliance with DOT and Federal regulations. The cost estimate to update/replace the needed signs should be between \$3,500 and \$4,500. Speed limit signs, stop ahead signs, names of streets, speed check signs, dead end signs, caution ahead signs are just a few examples of what we need.

Hunter also reported on a road check held recently and was pleased with the results and the check did not yield many violations. The Chief is looking for quality over quantity and not the speed trap mentality. He commented on the new officer that would be sworn in and stated that we purchased the K-9, Nero from the City of Aragon. Nero and Chris are going through training. Chief stated that this project was funded by donations to cover the purchase, training, vet bills, medication, dog food and any equipment needed. Nero will be trained in tracking and narcotic detection. Positive reaction from the citizens has been received.

Mayor Billue swore in the newest member of the police department, a K-9 named Nero. Nero was escorted by his partner, Sgt. Chris Barnes.

John Switzer asked to address the council once more to see if we wanted him to go ahead and finish with the engineering for the Cass/White Project. Councilman Huskins made a motion we authorize the engineering be finished for the Cass/White Project. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Gary Crisp asked to address the council about his sewer bill. He stated that he has paperwork saying he should not be charged the minimum fee. The Mayor stated that paperwork was found in the last week to confirm his statement and that adjustments to his account had been made.

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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robin Deal, City Clerk

