

# City of White, GA

## City Council Meeting

### October 1, 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 Tina Wilhite opened the meeting with an invocation.

The minutes from the meeting of Sept. 4th were read. Councilmember Evans made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilmember Huskins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-0 vote.

Reports were given by Billy Baker, Chief Hunter and Jimmy Nichols.

Billy Baker presented the Mayor with a beautiful speaker podium complete with City Seal that he had made for the Council Chambers. Mr. Baker reviewed the work on the Water Audit and we are in good standing with the state. He recapped the Cass-White Project and the upcoming bid opening on Oct 11th, the Water Rate Study is in process, Trash Truck is progressing and should be ready 60-90 days, and that Mr. Bennett was selling his trash vehicles if the City was interested.

Chief Hunter stated the car safety seat program was picked up by Metro Ambulance and will continue. Ice Cream with a Cop has started at Pine Log Elementary. He announced that Nero and Sgt. Barnes received final certification in Narcotic Detection and Tracking. Chief has been writing City Ordinance Violations for citizens to help our community improve. The DOT placed No Parking signs at the T near Toyo and on the passing lane in front of Dollar General. The Chief asked for permission from the council to work on a plan to get the city limits moved on Hwy 411. City Attorney, Leslie Vaughn stated this could be put into the new Charter and presented to the legislature. Chief presented a quote to replace and add to the street signs for the City. The three bids were presented. The bid from Traffic Signs was presented at \$3832.08 and the Chief recommended that bid to the council. We will have to go to Jacksonville, Alabama and pick up the signs. The motion was made by Councilman Huskins and seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried 4-0-0 vote.

Jimmy Nichols addressed the council about the city having more than our share of water leaks. In the last two weeks we have had six. 1- Whispering Pines, 2- 411 Water Wheel Inn, 1- Richards Rd, 2-E Rocky St and as he came to the meeting he was alerted of another one in Whispering Pines. Mr. Nichols stated we are going to have to replace the blue poly 3/4" lines as they have reached their life expectancy. The service line runs from the main line to the meter. Mr. Nichols gave high praises to Mayor Kim, Robin, Veronica, Andrew and Billy for their work on improving the meter reading process. He stated in Jan we had about 60 meters that would not read and when he read at the end of Sept. there were only 9. He stated things had improved a lot over the last 8-9 months.

Chief Hunter addressed the council about the Safety Courses he and the Mayor had taken recently and about the possible grant money the city could receive to use for safety equipment as well as a reduction of 7% in the cost of liability insurance.

City Clerk, Robin Deal addressed the council on the proposed family insurance coverage for the Police Chief's family. She told the council that it would cost the city about \$3342 per year or \$277 per month. Councilmember Huskins made a motion to approval the proposal and Councilmember Wilhite seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1 vote with Councilmember Buttrum abstaining.

Vicki Crowe with the Stamp Creek History and Heritage Center addressed the council and gave updates on their progress with the Trail of Tears information and opening date for the SCHHC should be at the end of November.

Councilmember Huskins made the motion to end the meeting and Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-0 vote. The meeting was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Deal, City Clerk

