

City of White, GA
City Council Meeting
July 2, 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 Huskins opened the meeting with an invocation.

The minutes from the meeting of June 4th were read. Councilman Huskins made a motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Ryan Evans seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The Mayor stated that the proposed Millage rate was zero and that we roll it back to zero for the tax year 2018. Councilman Huskins made a motion to accept the proposal and Councilman Wilhite seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The Resolution to readopt our Floodwater/Storm Water Ordinance was pushed to the next meeting.

Vicki Crowe, Mike Bearden, and Tony Ross were guest speakers and gave a presentation on the proposed Stamp Creek History and Heritage Center and why it was needed. They have asked to use the second floor of City Hall for their museum. The City will receive a tax-deductible donation for letting their non-profit organization use our facilities. A motion was made by Councilman Huskins to allow the Stamp Creek History and Heritage Center to use the second floor of city hall. Councilman Wilhite, Councilman Evans, Councilman Buttrum all seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. Mayor Billue congratulated the group on a successful vote.

The 28-acre land vote was reintroduced by Mayor Billue. Councilman Huskins stated he had called several residents of Whispering Pines to find out how they felt about the purchase. He stated the ones he did get to speak with were in favor of the purchase. Councilman Evans restated that the property might have been part of the Trail of Tears, this is still being researched. Councilman Huskins stated further that we might use the land in the future for water treatment facilities and it will be a good investment. Councilman Wilhite made a motion to purchase the land, Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried with a 3 to 1 vote. Councilman Buttrum voted against the land purchase.

Chief Hunter gave a report on the police department. He stated they had handled 99 cases, served 9 city warrants and written 29 citations. With the impending holiday, he reviewed the Fireworks State Law 25-10-2.0 which states fireworks can't be shot after 9:00 p.m. but unfortunately there is no punishment for them. Chief had spoken with City Attorney, Leslie Simmons to draft an ordinance to cover the punishment. July 3rd and 4th fireworks can be shot until 11:59 p.m. The Chief stated there's nothing we can do to stop it. He stated he would be working on the 4th and will ride the streets.

Jimmy Nichols gave a report on the current situation of the water leaks. But as of 7-2-18 all leaks are repaired. Water meter registers are being replaced as we are going to a wireless system. We have replaced approximately 35-40 of them this month with 100-150 left to change out. We are looking into replacing old faded out street signs. Recently lightening hit an electrical panel at the Richards Rd Well and has been replaced. Right now, everything is good and working well.

Stephanie Nichelson spoke on the upcoming Centennial Celebration which will be next year. She said there will be a flyer in the water bill about the event to be held next August. We are letting you know now so that you will have time to make your jams, jellies or canned goods. She asked for information about antique cars to be used in a parade for the city. We want to do it right. We are in search of old signs from the businesses that were downtown. We need vendors that are old timey craftsmen like blacksmiths, potters, glassblowers, quilters, and so on. She stated lots of volunteers will be needed to put on this event.

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 7:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Deal, City Clerk

