

City of White, GA City Council Meeting Nov 4th, 2019

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. Mayor Billue lead us in the saying of the pledge.

The minutes from the meeting of Oct 7th were read. Councilmember Wilhite made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Robin Deal reported on City Hall. She reported that tomorrow was election day and that the election will be held at White Methodist Church from 7am to 7pm. Deal stated that as of the day of the meeting 24 people had early voted in the election. She continued by reading the rules for giving folks rides to the polls. Deal continued with her presentation of the 2020 Budget to the council. She stated all of them were given a copy to review and be ready to vote on this at the December meeting. Deal spoke about a company that would like to put up a billboard on the property across from White First Baptist Church. Deal asked the council to review the paperwork and be prepared to discuss at the Dec meeting.

Billy Baker reported on the Water Department. Baker gave us a little history on the water dept for the month of September. The City used 2,745,000 gallons of water with an average of 92,000 gallons per day and a high day of 103,700. Baker stated that leaks had slowed down and that we are currently working on just one in the industrial park. Baker reported the trash truck is averaging about 6500 lbs. per week. He continued with an update on Richards Rd stating the cracks had been sealed.

Chief Barnes reported on the Police Department. In October they issued 31 citations, made 10 arrests and pulled 106 case numbers. Barnes said that about 50 LEO's attended the GOHS meeting. Among some of the citations written as a result of the traffic stops were DUI, open container, suspended licenses, and corrections made to 11 car seats due to child safety checks. Barnes reported that Ice Cream with a Cop was going well, and they were gearing up for Shop with a Cop on December 14th. Barnes said that Nero had received his vest that will protect him from being stabbed or shot. Chief stated that the city needs to consider an upgrade to the camera system. This will help his staff combat thefts and give the city more coverage. Barnes also stated he was working on getting the department's radar permits renewed.

Councilmember Ryan Evans reminded everyone about the White Christmas Dinner to be held on December 14th from 6-830 at the Clayton Collins Community Center. For more information contact him or Stephanie Nichelson. Donations are appreciated.

Citizen Joe Hite addressed the council and stated he was moving after living in White 42 years. He complimented the Mayor, Council and her staff on what a great job they are doing for the city standing up for what is right.

Citizen James Cochran addressed the council and stated he has called about the noise in his neighborhood and can't something be done about it. He stated the property was owned by Allsted Properties. City Attorney Leslie Simmons said we should contact the property owners. Chief Barnes stated they had gone there several times and they have yet to hear the loud music.

Special Guest Joseph Jansen addressed the council about leasing the ballfield. He stated they were willing to do some of the work to get the field back into shape. Jansen said they would need the field about 4 nights per week for practice.

Councilmember Dennis Huskins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Tina Wilhite seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Deal
City Clerk

