

City of White, GA City Council Meeting December 3, 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. Mayor Billue lead us in the saying of the pledge.

The minutes from the meeting of Nov. 5th were read. Councilmember Buttrum made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilmember Wilhite seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-0 vote.

Reports were given by Mayor Billue, Andrew Olsen, Former Chief Hunter and Bryan Shoun.

Mayor Billue presented plaques for more than 42 years of faithful service to the City of White to Jimmy and David Bennett. The Bennett's were not in attendance.

Andrew Olsen reported on behalf of the water department. He stated they were in a transitional period with the trash service. We are using two pickup trucks and doing it manually until the trash truck arrives in about a week. We are looking forward to the truck being here. We have 106 old water meters left in our system. He stated this does not mean they are not functioning, but we are swapping them out as they go out at the rate of about 6 per month. We have been clearing out around the clubhouse from trees that had fallen. Also, he stated that they have been working on repainting City Hall.

Chief Hunter stated that it had been a quiet month. He reported that our K-9 was requested by a Federal Agency. We are continuing to work on City Ordinances and work with property owners about violations. We gave you all information last month about new vehicles for the Police Department. Sgt. Barnes' car has more issues. After the first of the year we need to seriously consider which ones we can repair or replace.

Brian Shoun with the EPD came and reported on the new flood map in our area from the Department of Natural Resources.

Mayor Billue presented the 2019 Budget for approval. Councilmember Huskins made a motion to approve the 2019 budget and Councilmember Wilhite seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mayor Billue presented the council with the new City Charter and advised council to be ready to vote at the January meeting.

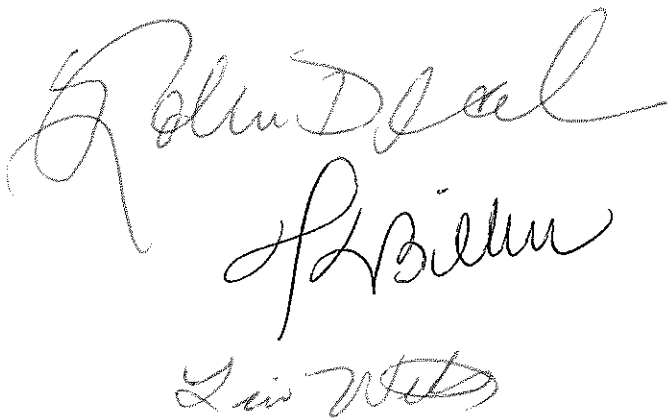
Robin Deal presented a resolution for the 2019 Qualifying Fees for the election with three seats being up. She stated the qualifying fee must be a percentage of the annual salary of the office. The qualifying fee for Mayor will be \$144. The qualifying fee for Councilmembers will be \$36. Councilmember Evans made a motion to adopt the resolution and Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mayor Billue brought up the property at 30 School Street and what the city should do with it. She reported that Michael Parker had looked over the property and just to repair the inside would be around \$40,000. And then when he looked at the outside, he discovered foundation issues. She stated he quoted \$12,000-\$15,000 to take the building down and dispose of it. Justin Rogers of the fire department suggested we let them use the building for training. Councilmember Huskins made a motion to demo the house after the fire department is finished with training and asked for more bids. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mayor Billue gave the State of the City Address. She gave a complete list of accomplishments for the city over the past year and reported that our financial situation was outstanding. She made available a list of the accomplishments for the public. She asked her team to come to the front to be recognized and gave a special thank you to them saying that God Almighty had orchestrated this.

Councilmember Huskins thanked the citizens for hanging in with us during this year. He made a motion to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by all remaining Councilmembers, Wilhite, Evans and Buttrum. Motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.


Robin Deal
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