

City of White Georgia

City Council Meeting

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Evans, Dennis Huskins, Curtis Powell (via phone) Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Leslie Simmons and City Clerk Twanda Hill

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Evans. Councilmember Dennis Huskins opened the meeting with invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Evans lead the room in the saying of the pledge.

The minutes from the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting were read. Due to Councilmember Powell not being present to complete the quorum he was contacted via phone, Huskins made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. Minutes were passed.

City Clerk Twanda Hill presented the City Hall updates, first asking for approval to provide the city employees with a Christmas bonus via a \$50 gift card, Councilmember Dennis Huskins made a motion to approve, Councilmember Curtis Powell seconded. Motion was passed.

City Clerk Hill updated the council that the Municipal election Agreement requires three copies, not one. Councilmember Dennis Huskins made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Powell. Motion passed.

City Clerk Hill announced that there is an opening for the City Manager position and all applicants should come by city Hall for an application and resumes can be emailed to [thill@cityofwhitega.com](mailto:thill@cityofwhitega.com).

Jimmy Dean provided the water updates and was happy to report that there were no leaks this month to report. Department was able to get a lot of the trimming around the power lines and street lights completed.

Billy Baker trying to get the GEFA loan closed out, working with the engineer to get everything finalized. Had the inspector taking a look and we still have some clean up to do and we are working with the engineer to close it out. With this loan we have to complete a water and sewer rate study every two years, we need to get the rate study started. Study will cost about \$10,000, Billy will speak with the engineer and get a more detailed cost and time frame. Our last rate study indicated that we would have some additional revenue to work on our old deteriorating system but unfortunately it has not generated extra revenue, in the last 3 months we have spent \$30K on the Toyo lift station. Last year we have all 6 pumps inspected and they are wearing out. We started with Toyo and will work on one pump at a time, we are still waiting for parts to complete the Toyo pump. Next, we will be starting on the Aubrey Lakes pump.

Chief Blake Davidson introduced the police departments new officer Mike Gallman. Chief Davidson advised that Dollar General will be setting up a donation box for toy and monetary donations for the police department to distribute to the local kids on Christmas Day. The new police car will be delivered within the next two weeks. Chief Davidson advised that he had 3 plaques made for three businesses that made large monetary donations to the police department, Toyo, Jay Patel and The Calendar Guys, and have asked them to attend the next council meeting.

Second reading of the Mayor/City Manager ordinance. Councilmember Huskins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Buttrum, motion passed.

Second reading of the budget, councilmember Huskins made a motion to approve, Councilmember Powell seconded. Motion passed.

3% raise for all employees, Councilmember Huskins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Buttrum. Motion passed.

Rezoning application fee change to \$325, Councilmember Huskins made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Buttrum. Motion passed.

Rewriting zoning classification reduction size of R1 or elimination of R4, motion made by Councilmember Huskins to table, seconded by Councilmember Powell. Motion tabled.

Resident Terry Cornwell spoke, concerned about the drainage ditch on his side continues to hold water but the other side does not. Billy Baker advised him that all the work was completed and that FEMA had approved. Cornwell disagreed and Mr. Baker advised that Cornwell could speak with FEMA and he could have them come talk to him. Mr. Cornwell continued about the drainage and said that the city needed to fix it so it can drain, Mr. Cornwell was advised that it is private property and he would be responsible for correcting the drainage on his property.

Resident William Watkins spoke saying that this is "frustrating" and "bull crap" in what is happening in the city, Mr. Cornwell's wife spoke up and said "it's bull crap that they won't fix it". Mr. Watkins advised that the ditch is not what he was referring to but since that was brought up he advised that he had offered to come fix the ditch himself until Mr. Cornwell started talking about "that house" and then Mr. Watkins refused to help. Mrs. Cornwell said that she did not understand what house he is referring to and Mr. Watkins advised her to ask her husband. Mr. Watkins is frustrated that there is something new every month.

Motion was made to adjourn, meeting adjourned.