

City of White Georgia
City Council Meeting
September 6, 2022

Present at the meeting were Mayor Perry Bell, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Crisp, Councilmembers Stephanie Nicholson, Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Leslie Simmons and City Clerk Sherry Walker.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Perry Bell. Mayor Bell opened the meeting with invocation and lead the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior minutes were presented and approved by council. Motion made by Councilmember Stephanie Nicholson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gary Crisp. The motion carried with 3-0 votes.

Mayor Perry Bell introduced the new Interim Police Chief Jason Smith. Interim Chief Smith spoke on how he was here to serve and protect the citizens of White. Interim Chief Smith spoke on the different areas in need of patrolling, working with keeping the budget down, the police policy that was previously placed by the former Chief, and how he appreciated the opportunity to serve in the community. Councilmember Stephanie Nicholson welcomed Jason Smith to the city.

Anthony Morris represented the water department, filling in for Jimmy Nichols. Anthony Morris expressed that we had two leaks this month. Both were fixed. Anthony Morris expressed his appreciation for the police department, TAC officer Margo Carmona, for escorting the garbage routes. Anthony Morris explained how they had many close calls with people flying by them and not stopping when the garbage truck would stop during routes. Mayor Bell spoke on the delay in the water billing due to the computer system.

Curtis Powell spoke on the planning and zoning. Curtis Powell advised about the hearing on 3175 Hwy 411 and the subdivision into 2. Curtis Powell also spoke on the immigration compliance and that the e verify numbers being incorrect. Curtis Powell also spoke on an inspector email so that Tony Ross could check on these and update the community. Curtis Powell stated that he would like to get a plan into motion to address the repairs on the major issues that Richards Rd. is facing. Curtis Powell and council discussed the GDOT and the areas that the funding could supply. Mayor Bell discussed the bidding process for the PFOS and how John Sweitzer opened the doors with Bartow County and how we will be required to go with the lowest bid, so planning and development may want to get involved. Curtis Powell stated that he was getting a survey together for the community to see what the interest and concerns of the community was. Mayor Bell suggested that would be a good idea and they agreed that it could be sent out with the water billing.

Mayor Perry Bell discussed how the prior December 6, 2021, minutes were incorrected and brought forward concerning the executive powers of the mayor. The previous minutes were not unanimously voted on. The executive powers will be restored. There is no voting needed.

Mayor Bell discussed how we are trying to locate a more reasonable auditor and how the finances run, and they will not be completely accurate, however it can let us know what direction we are heading in.

Mayor Bell discussed how we were researching the water rates and he would give an update as soon as possible.

City Attorney Leslie Simmons gave September 13, 3-5 for a meeting date to create the ordinances. Anyone is welcome to come, but it is not a meeting of any sort.

Mayor Bell thanked William Watkins for picking up all the wood from the tree cutting and let everyone know that this was not the first time that William has helped in the city.

David Aguilar spoke to the council concerning the soil test is not passing and how the easement that is needed goes over the budget. David Aguilar asked if the city could help in any way to connect to the sewer. Mayor Bell asked where David Aguilar was coming up short and Curtis Powell stated that he needed to install a sewer line. Curtis Powell suggested that it would cost 20-30k. Mayor Bell stated that there was no quick answer, and that amount was not feasible. Curtis Powell said that the city would have to maintain later. Gary Crisp asked to see the drawing. Mayor Bell explained that we would have to look further into this.

Mayor Bell took votes on the Swanson proposal. Five votes to confirm in the previous planning meeting. Bill is going to subdivide the property. Mr. Swanson explains that he wants to split the property, keeping the 1.38 acres and sell the 3.5 acres. Mr. Swanson said that the manhole was put in and inspected. He stated that he was to move the manhole to the city, and he was hoping the city would help with that. City Attorney Leslie Simmons says that she will draft the grant of easement if there were no objections. No motion to sign off on this is needed, per Leslie Simmons. Stephanie Nicholson asked if we needed to vote. Leslie Simmons answered no. Stephanie Nicholson made a motion to do what needs to be done.

Mayor Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Crisp made motion; Stephanie Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion unanimous. The meeting adjourned with a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Perry Bell