

City of White Georgia
City Council Meeting
August 4th, 2025

Present at the council meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem, Stephanie Nicholson, Councilmembers Gary Crisp, Karissa Noland, and Jean Swank, City Clerk Robin Cochran, and City Attorney Debra Golymbieski.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led with the pledge of allegiance and followed with the invocation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicholson started with the review and approval of the agenda for the meeting and opened the floor for council discussion.

- Councilmember Swank made a motion to add the purchase of the equipment needed in the Public Works/Water Department under new business
- Councilmember Noland seconded the motion, and the motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicholson moved to the approval of the July 2nd meeting minutes and opened the floor for council comments. None were heard and Nicholson asked for a motion. Councilmember Swank made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Noland seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicholson opened the floor for public comments. There were none and Nicholson closed the public comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicholson moved to announcements and reports and City Clerk; Robin Cochran, addressed the council to give an update on the Clerk's office.

- Cochran reminded everyone of the qualifying dates, times, and fees for the two upcoming open council seats for election in November
- Cochran mentioned the city's Trunk or Treat event in October and stated the event needed more decorated trunks and provided the information for anyone who was interested in participating

Police Chief, Brad Loyd addressed the council to give an update in his department and had the following stats for the month of July;

- 109 traffic stops
- 57 citations
- 7 warnings
- 161 calls for service
- 474 citizens contact
- 139 business escorts
- 335 business checks

Public Works Superintendent, Shawn Chastain was not in attendances. No report was given.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichelson moved to unfinished business to which there was none, and she moved to New business.

- Nichelson stated everyone received an email about water and sewer charges stating Mayor Powell had sent a new fee schedule for the council to review. Councilmember Swank made a motion to table the review until next month's meeting. Councilmember Noland seconded the motion, and the motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nichelson moved to talk about the purchase of the equipment needed in the public works and water department beginning with the mini excavator

- John Deer, JCB, and Bobcat were the three quotes
- Councilmember Crisp stated that the majority of the leaks could be fixed by digging with a shovel and there was some discussion amongst the council about the equipment readily available and what was needed as well as the challenges the department faced without this equipment.
- Citizen, William Watkins, spoke up and said Councilmember Crisp kept changing his mind about the purchase of the equipment and then there was more discussion amongst the council and audience
Councilmember Swank made a motion to approve the purchase of a dump trailer up to \$20k and the purchase of the John Deere mini excavator using the 2020 SPLOST. Councilmember Noland seconded the motion, and the motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nichelson moved to mayor and council comments and opened the floor for council discussion.

- Councilmember Crisp spoke on the Old Car City leak that took Kirkpatrick 2 days to fix and then it started leaking the following day and stated that the driveway was full of mud and the city needed to clean it.

- There was discussion amongst the council about who needed to clean it, the city or Kirkpatrick, to the owner's liking. As Kirkpatrick was the one who made the mess, many people believed that they should clean it up. No final decision was made. Therefore, it was left for Chastain to make the determination.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicholson closed the mayor and council comments and asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Swank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Noland seconded the motion, and the motion was carried with a 4-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Cochran
City Clerk

Attest:



Stephanie Nicholson, Mayor Pro Tem