

City of White Georgia

City Council Meeting

April 4th, 2022

Present at the meeting were Gary Crisp, Council members Stephanie Nichols, Ryan Evans, and Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Leslie, and City clerk Twanda Hill

The meeting was called to order. Council member Nicholson opened the meeting with an invocation. Council Member Gary Crisp lead the room in saying of the Pledge.

The Minutes from the March 7, 2022, council meeting was approved. None opposing.

Twanda Hill gave city hall updates as following, NOTS Logistics withdrew the rezoning application. Twanda also presented to estimates for the clubhouse.

Jimmy Nichols gave his water report with 2 leaks for the month of March in whispering pines, and 2, 865, 000,000 gallons of water for the month of March.

Chief Blake Davidson presented 3 quotes for the Air Conditioning unit replacement. (Weaver, Mike Jones, & .) Councilmember Nicholson suggested that Mike Jones should be the company the city use for the Air condition replacement. Councilmember Nicholson made the motion for the Mike Jones, and Council Member Evans second the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Crisp stated he did not think there was enough information presented by Mike Jones to guarantee his work. Mayor Pre Tem Crisp asked for a motion, Councilmember Nicholson made a motion, and Councilmember Evans seconded and Councilmember

Buttrum opposed. Council member Nichols asked Council member Buttrum why he was opposing the vote. Mayor Pro Tem and Chief Davidson exchanged words regarding the air conditioning replacement. Councilmember Nicholson stated that Council Member Buttrum stated that he would never approve anything brought to the council by Chief Davidson. Council Member Nichols stated she needed to go record saying that. Chief Davidson asked if the Police Department SOP was going to be approved. Mayor Pro Tem stated he needed more time to read the policy. Davidson stated you had two months read it and Crisp stated he need more time to read because it was long and drawn out. Several citizens voiced their opinions on the matter of SOP.

Councilmember Buttrum stated why he was opposing the vote on air conditioning replacement. There was more discussion of the unit from the citizens. Councilmember decided to change his vote for the approval of Mike Jones replacing the unit.

Councilmember Nicholson made a 3rd motion and Councilmember Evans seconded the motion and motion approve 3-0.

The issue of the SOP was discussed again, and the citizens of White voiced their opinions about the issue again.

Council member Nicholson made a motion to approve the SOP and Council Member Evans seconded and Council member Buttrum opposed.

Chief Davidson asked about the approval for the ordinances. Council member Nicholson explained that the ordinances were already in effect and the city would benefit from the fees. Mayor Pro Tem stated that it could not be approved due to the city not having a mayor and according to City Attorney Leslie, he does not have the power to do so. Mayor Pro

Tem also stated the ordinances should be tabled until the city has a mayor.

Sgt. Holcomb stated his concerns about the SOP for Police Department not being approved and how dangerous it for them as officers to be operating without the policy. There were several vocal opinions about the SOP.

City Attorney discussed the rezoning 008-0298-001 from commercial to Industrial. Owner would like to know if its possible to be rezoned. I can be rezoned with restrictions. Leslie also asked about discussion of Muni code for the ordinances. Leslie stated the ordinance are currently in a 3- ring binder. The program is almost complete and suggest the city of white should consider using this program for the ordinances and it would be much more efficient.

New businesses discussed about repairing the roof at the Clubhouse.

3 bids from different companies:

Gary has extra bids and did not present them to the other council members. There was a brief discussion about the different bids, and it was decided on Gregory Construction.

Councilmember Evans made the motion and Councilmember Nicholson 2nd the motion and the motion was approve 3-0.

Eddie Billue voiced his concerns about the city's finances and accounting. He also mentions his concerned about his yard and what needed to be done from the Richard's Road project. Mayor Pro Tem stated that he would make sure the contractor's come back address the issues.

William Watkins stated he had spoke to Bartow, and his concern of loosing the city to Bartow. Gary wanted to make it clear to the newspaper that William Watkins is not a citizen of White. William ask if he could address and William stated he owns property in the City of White. William stated the council was not doing things properly and he was going to continue to address them. William states the Mayor Pro Tem said Leslie needed to step down from her position and Gary said he did not say that, and William stated he was lying. William stated Gary said she needed to step down because she not doing what he wanted her to do.

Curtis Powell stated that the meetings were toxic and needed to stop. Nothing was getting accomplished. Then other citizens voiced the opinions regarding the city's issues. Gary stated the city needed to have an audit. It was discussed Williams should continue to be account and use the previous company for the audit.

Gary spoke with Leslie about to apply for the grant to the state for infostructure to repave Old Tennessee Hwy. Mayor Pro Tem asked for a motion, Councilmember Nicholson made a motion and Council Member Evans seconded and Motion was approved 3-0.

Mayor Pro asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Buttrum made a motion and Councilmember Nicholson seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30