

City of White Georgia

City Council Meeting

January 3, 2022

Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Evans, Dennis Huskins, Curtis Powell, Charles Buttrum, Assistant City Clerk Veronica Mingo, Gary Crisp, Stephanie Nicholson

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.

New councilmembers, Stephanie Nicholson and Gary Crisp were sworn in and replaced outgoing councilmembers Huskins and Powell.

Minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting were read and approved. Plaque was presented to outgoing councilmember Dennis Huskins for his many years of service and dedication to the City of White.

Jimmy Dean came up to provide water updates, the city used 2,850,900 gallons of water for the month of December. Jimmy brought up the house on Richards road was discussed as being an eye sore and that there had been some complaints about it. Councilmember Crisp asked about updates on the Richards Rd project, Jimmy Dean explained that he has no updates at the moment because Billy Baker handled that and he is no longer with the city and he will have an update next month.

Chief Blake Davidson brought up that he had three plaques made for the businesses that made large donations to the police department but unfortunately none of them were able to make it to the meetings for the plaques to be presented. Chief Davidson brought up rumors that have been going around that two of the council members have expressed their intentions of getting rid of him (the chief) and Jimmy Dean. These allegations began as rumors but after the called meeting on December 20th, Chief Davidson asked Councilmember Buttrum to confirm the rumors, and he did. Chief Davidson brought to the council's attention that that Councilmember Buttrum has a vendetta against him stemming back from a traffic stop that Chief Davidson conducted stopping Buttrum for GA code violations. Chief Davidson then brought to the council's attention that on three occasions he had been mistreated by councilman Buttrum. Councilmember Crisp spoke up and said that this conversation had gone on long enough, Chief Davidson closed with saying that was all he had for the night.

Under old business, the Mayor ordinance, was brought up and tabled but the ordinance was actually passed in December.

Citizen Eddie Billue spoke, and wanted to address all the rumors going on around about his wife, former mayor Kim Billue. He advised that she resigned solely because of the new mayor ordinance that was drafted changing the type of city government from strong mayor to city manager, stripping the mayor of all executive powers.

Former Mayor Kim Billue discussed the reason for her resignation and that information from an executive session had been discussed outside of the session.

Former police chief Dane Hunter, addressed the some of the current problems with the city and the citizens need to get involved and the council needs to come up with a plan. If they want to remain a city then they need to fully staff each department and bring in the revenue to sustain this.

Citizen Corena Stacey spoke up in support of the City's Police department.

Due to Mayor pro tem Evans' resignation, Councilmember Gary Crisp volunteered to be the new mayor pro tem.

Sgt. Lamar Holcomb spoke, thanking everyone for coming out, he's very thankful to be here and expressed his wishes to retire from this City.

Motion made by Councilmember Stephanie Nichelson to make Councilmember Gary Crisp to be the new Mayor Pro tem, Charles Buttrum seconded the motion, motion passed.

Mayor pro tem Crisp, presented a request to form an investigation on the Mayor along with the City clerks office for corruption and civil rights violations on the City of White's Police Department.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Nichelson.
Meeting ended at 8:15.