

City of White Georgia

City Council Meeting

March 7th, 2022

Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Gary Crisp, Council members Stephanie Nichols, Ryan Evans, and Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Leslie Simmons, 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 the Pledge.

The Minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, council meeting were read. Council member Evans made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Nicholson second the motion. Motion was passed. 3-0

Jimmy gave his water usage and two leaks for the month. Jimmy stated the clubhouse needed a roof and old Tennessee Hwy needed paving.

Chief Davidson asked the council to approve the policy for police department which he presented last month. Mayor Pro Tem stated he personally had not had enough time to read over it. Council member Evans stated he viewed it and it looked standard to operating procedures. Council member Buttrum stated he had not reviewed the policy and thinks it should be tabled until next meeting. Council member Evans stated it is a liability for the officers to be operating and working without a policy. Councilman Evans stated the policy they have is old and policy was outdated. Council member Evans stated Chief Davidson had revised the policy to meet state required standards. Council member Evans made the motion to approve the policy and Council member Nicholson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Crisp

asked if all was in favor and Evans and Nicholson was in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Crisp asked if any opposed and Council member Buttrum opposed. Chief Davidson stated he had an estimate the air conditioning unit due to the unit needing to be replace. Council Member Nicholson agreed on replacing the unit and suggested we obtain two more estimates before they decide on the unit. Chief Davidson presented a list of city ordinances to the council and wants to import them into our ticket software system. Chief Davidson also provided another list of charges that needed an ordinance and City Attorney Simmons stated she could draft an ordinance for the list. Chief Davidson stated that he had received complaints about the tractor trailers parking on the side of the Hwy 411, E rocky and W Rocky. He asked Leslie, if there was something more specific in our Ordinances to charge the driver's for obstructing the view, due to the wording in the current ordinance for no parking. Simmons stated she could draft an ordinance and have it ready for the next meeting. Chief Davidson presented a proposal and demonstrations for new tasers. Council member Evans made a motion for the purchase of the tasers, and Council member Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion was approved. 3-0.

Twanda gave city hall updates she stated the ligations needed to be signed by council, and then discussed the process of qualifying and the process of the fees for qualifying for mayor. It was stated, the fee should be 3% percent of the previous fees. Mayor Pro Tem Crisp asked if the notification were posted on all proper platforms. Twanda asked if we were going to accept the fee of \$144.00. Council member Evans made the motion and Council member Nicholson seconded the motion and the Motion was accepted. 3-0. Twanda then explained the oversight about not posting the signs for the rezoning application and notifying the other owners surrounding the property.

## New Business

NOTS Logistics presented their rezoning application.

Mayor Pro Tem asked for an executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Crisp stated there is no more business and the council will proceed to executive session for personnel issues.

The meeting reconvened after the executive session. Council member Nicholson made a motion to accept and hire Tony Ross as City Manager, and Council member Evans seconded the motion and Mayor Pro Tem asked who opposed and Council member Buttrum opposed.

Motion carried 2-1.

NOTS Logistics stated that Toyo tires had nothing to do with the rezoning application.

Curtis Powell voiced his opinion about the city needing to go in a positive direction and hiring a City Manager. He questioned the process about how the rezoning application was presented to the public. He addressed the council about transparency and how we conduct the meetings and not allowing the city clerk to take notes in the meeting. He stated things should be conducted better.

Eddie Billue voiced his opinion about transparency. He voiced his concerns about the resolution, his wife's investigation and her staff and missing funds. He also stated that his wife was accused of missing records, and how Mr. Crisp could come in and file a open record request for executive sessions. He requested the guilty party to step forward and admit they took the records and returned them. He also asked, if no one would admit to it then he would proceed to file a complaint with the Bartow Co DA's office and GBI.

William Watkins asked why the city clerk was not aloud to attend the executive meeting and transparency. Mayor Pro Tem Crisp said advisement from the City Attorney the clerk did not have to attend the meeting. William also asked Mayor Pro Tem Crisp about the property adjacent to him and a secret meeting he had. William also asked; Mayor Pro Tem Crisp about the Rip Rap that belonged to city and how disposed of it, Mayor Pro Tem asked if he was calling him a thief and William replied if that is what you want to call it. William stated he was also going to the DA's office about the situation and questioned Crisp about the resolution. William also stated that he would not stop until Crisp was out of office. Corena stated to the citizens that Crisp called the citizens trash at the last council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:50