

City of White, GA
City Council Meeting
May 6, 2019

Present at the meeting were Mayor Kim Billue, Councilmember Dennis Huskins, Councilmember Tina Wilhite, Councilmember Ryan Evans, Councilmember Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Leslie Simmons and City Clerk Robin Deal.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Billue at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Dennis Huskins opened the meeting with an invocation. Mayor Billue lead us in the saying of the pledge.

The minutes from the meeting of April 1 were read. Councilmember Evans made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilmember Wilhite seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-0 vote.

Reports were given by Jimmy Nichols, Chief Barnes, Billy Baker and Robin Deal.

Jimmy Nichols from the Water Department stated that things were going well. The new roof was put on the shop a few days after the last council meeting. Mr. Nichols spoke about the Spring Spruce Up and how as he drove around town he could tell folks were taking pride in their yards. He has never seen them look so good. Mr. Nichols reported that the city's current lawn mower was being used daily. We need to look at purchasing one to have as a back-up. He reported that things were good on the sewer side and we had one new sewer customer hook-up at the cabinet shop. Nichols also stated that things were good on the garbage side as well. He stated that we have entered bush hogging season on the sewer lines.

Chief Chris Barnes reported on the police department. Chief restated Mr. Nichols statement about everyone taking care of their yards and taking pride in their city. Chief stated we had 129 case numbers pulled in April. A 37 case increase from last month. That's the most calls for service since this administration took over. Chief Barnes said there were 47 citations issued in April. He stated that folks seem like they are trusting them more and coming to them for help. Chief Barnes stated he had completed two weeks of Chief Executive Training. He said his staff carried the load in his absence. Barnes reported that patrol coverage of evenings and weekend will be more noticeable. Chief Barnes applied for two grants in April: one through GOHS for computers for their vehicles also working on a \$5000 grant for new radar and lidar systems. We should know something in the next few months. The new police car has been ordered and there's not a bill out date yet.

Billy Baker reported on the Richards Rd Road Project and other subjects. The first of April ISO was doing an audit of the Bartow County Fire Department. We gave them the information they needed; and we hope they can keep the county insurance rates down. Baker stated that we have got to start taking better care of our fire hydrants. They are

supposed to be tested and flushed at least twice and year. Baker stated there are a couple he would not even open for fear of not getting them turned off. Several have been replaced but we will be working with the fire department to get them color coded and numbered. Baker next spoke of paving, specifically Oak Street. He proposed to the council that the Mayor be able to sign a contract of not more that \$30,000 to get the street paved. He alerted the council that the price of asphalt is on the rise and we need to move on this as soon as we have the bids. Baker stated we hoped to have the paving completed by August. Oak Street was the last street worked on during the sewer install and it was not repaved. He stated that next year we would work on getting Old Tennessee Hwy. paved. Baker stated he is in negotiations with Bartow County to help us with that project stating the cities responsibility would be the asphalt at a cost of \$30,000. He concluded by saying the total project if bid out would be over \$100,000.

Baker continued his report with information on the Richards Rd Project stating a lot had happened since our last meeting. Baker presented the council with a report from the engineering firm of Rindt-McDuff stating this is what we had been looking for over the past 13 years. He encouraged the council to read the report carefully as he stated it took him several times to comprehend it all. The background of the report encompasses the railroad, stormwater drainage and our roadway approaches. He stated that page three (3) of the report gives the existing conditions of what's over there now. Baker stated that other agencies such as FEMA were contacted because of the effect on the road and drainage. Mr. Baker ran through the options presented in the report starting on page five (5). Roadway improvements widen the road to minimum standards, provide adequate roadway shoulders or vehicle recovery area, provide additional earthen embankment suitable for a slope and less susceptible to erosive scour, guard rails, reduce approach angles to the railroad crossing, and stormwater improvements to replace the existing stormwater culverts under Richards Rd with 18" reinforced concrete pipe.

Should the traffic around the area not warrant the roadway changes, it could be considered to permanently close the roadway. This could be done with little to no cost but would have to have adequate area signage and public notification.

Baker continued his report giving an option to make the road a one-way road and use the existing pavement available with minimum improvement. Replacement of the storm water culvert should still be done. He suggested that Richards Rd become one-way to Old Tennessee Highway. It would still be useful to analyze the effects of this traffic flow change.

The estimate to fix the road and keep it a 2-way road is \$500,000 according to the engineers. Mayor Billue asked if Mr. Baker was sure that was the costs to repair the road and make it a 2-way road. Baker replied yes. He suggested the council have a called meeting and invite Mr. Cox (the engineer from Rindt-McDuff) to come review the report with council. Councilmember Buttrum asked Mr. Baker about getting the railroad to help. Baker indicated that the engineer had been in contact with the railroad and is exploring options for assistance. Baker stated the report was a major start in getting the Richards Rd Project underway. He suggested further they all get together and walk

through the report and see which portions we want to undertake. Councilmember Huskins asked if the engineer was available to meet soon and answer questions. Baker replied that he is available a few days the following week.

Councilmember Huskins went back to the paving contract issue and asked if council needed to vote on giving the Mayor permission to sign a contract up to \$30,000 to get the project done. City Attorney Leslie Simmons stated a motion should be made to give the Mayor that authorization to sign a contract up to \$30,000. She asked Baker whom the contractors were; and Baker said he would rather not say as negotiations were ongoing. Councilmember Huskins made a motion to take the lowest bid on a contract to repave Oak Street and give the Mayor the authorization to negotiate/sign a contract up to \$30,000. Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote.

Councilmember Buttrum addressed Jimmy Nichols' issue about the lawn mower and come back at June's meeting with some prices on a mower.

City Clerk, Robin Deal addressed the council on approving 5 annexations. Some of which she stated had already applied for annexation before and for reasons unknown it did not happen. Parcel 0089-0280-002, owner Perry Bell was presented. Council Member Evans made the motion to approve the annexation and Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Parcel 0089-0279-006, owner Mike McConville was presented. Councilmember Wilhite made the motion to approve the annexation and Councilmember Huskins seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Parcel 0089-0280-001, owner Mike McConville was presented. Councilmember Evans made a motion to approve the annexation and Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Parcel 0089-0298-002, owner Nicholson Enterprises was presented. Councilmember Buttrum made a motion to approve the annexation and Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Parcel 0102-0181-001, owner City of White was presented. This location is where the City water tower used to be. Councilmember Huskins made a motion to approve the annexation and Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Ms. Deal went on to say there would be a few more presented at the next meeting.

Ms. Deal continued by asking the Council to review the Ordinance for Movie Companies. She stated each of you have a copy and questions should be directed to the Mayor or City Attorney. Please review it and be ready to vote on it at our next meeting.

Mayor Billue addressed the next two items under New Business. She presented the council with a proposed Position Classification and Pay Scale for review. Please be ready to discuss at our next meeting. Also, you have information on "Code Red". It's an alert system that we had some citizens ask about. Billue stated you have been provided information to review and we can discuss next month also.

Councilmember Evans made a motion to enter executive session for personnel reasons and Councilmember Huskins seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote. Executive Session began at 7:41 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting was called back into order by Mayor Billue at 8:22 p.m.

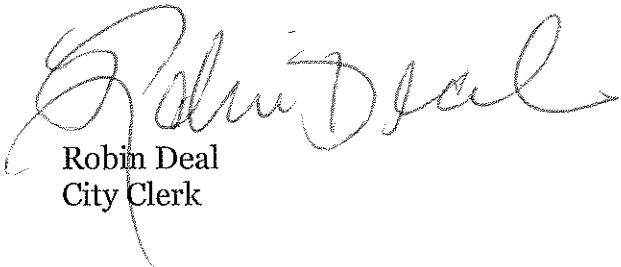
Mayor Billue asked the Council about making a motion for the called meeting to meet with the engineer regarding the Richards Rd Project report. Councilmember Husking made a motion to have a called meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. to meet with the engineer. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote.

Before the meeting was adjourned Councilmember Buttrum and Councilmember Huskins donated their monthly check to the Bread of Life Church building fund. Mayor Billue stated should would make sure Pastor Jerry got the checks and thanked them.

Councilmember Evans made a motion to end the meeting. Councilmember Buttrum seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0-0 vote.

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Deal
City Clerk

