

# City of White, GA City Council Meeting August 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 7 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Curtis Powell and Councilmembers Stephanie Nichelson, Kim Billue, Gary Crisp, Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Brandon Bowen and City Clerk, Robin Cochran.

The mayor led us in saying the pledge and the invocation was given by Councilmember Nichelson.

Mayor Powell asked for approval for minutes from July 3, 2023. The motion was made by Councilmember Nichelson, seconded by Councilmember Billue, and passed with a vote of 3-1 with Councilmember Crisp voting against.

Chief Smith reported on the police department stating things were still running smoothly. The chief stated the police presence on Richards Road is heavy to help with the commercial vehicle issue. The chief closed by stating that was all he had for this month and asked if anyone had questions.

Mayor Powell continued the reports by explaining that Jimmy Nichols was out today. Powell stated he knew about a few leaks that were taken care of but that he didn't get the gallons used for the month of July.

Robin Cochran reported on City Hall. She started by saying we were working on getting our missing minutes on the website and getting them updated and placing copies in our notebooks. She informed the council minutes and agendas are permanent records and must be kept forever. She continued by saying we had searched our computers and were unable to find the missing minutes, we did, however, find a recording where the old city clerk read the Feb 2022 minutes aloud and she would work on typing them up from that recording. She also stated February 2023 minutes were missing as well but stated she found out that morning we have a recording on Facebook of those minutes and would work on getting them typed up as well. She continued by stating that the mayor approved the purchase of two new computers for the clerk's office at a cost to the city of \$3,469 and it includes on-site installation. VC3, who is our IT department, will oversee installation. She continued by informing everyone that the office is getting ready for qualifying beginning August 21<sup>st</sup> and ending August 23<sup>rd</sup> and stated the fees associated with running for Councilmember and Mayor. She wrapped up by telling everyone about our event in December Cookies with Santa, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3p.m. at the clubhouse. Lastly, she asked the council to look at the letter regarding city employee medical insurance and asked the council for approval to accept the increase and make it available to the employees during open enrollment in October. Mayor Powell asked for a motion to approve. Councilmember Nichelson made a motion to approve. Councilmember Crisp seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Councilmember Crisp told Robin to give him a list of the minutes missing because he could possibly have what's missing.

The mayor said last year and earlier this year the chemical PFAS is considered a contaminant and has shown up in our water, and that we were required by the EPA to remove contaminants. Powell continued by saying we do have an engineer and were waiting to hear from them saying we're okay to move forward. We've received the other letter from EPD and other agencies that are involved in the project and he just wanted to update everyone that we are clear to move forward. He continued to say the North Georgia Metropolitan Audit is something we must complete and explained that it makes sure we're compliant with the district needs. The city got an extension on the deadline and we are moving forward with the RFP.

Powell moved to unfinished business and asked the council to table the ballfield lease. Councilmember Crisp motioned for it to be tabled and Councilmember Billue seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Powell continued with the second reading of the rezoning request for 542 Old Tennessee Highway from R1 to R3 parcel number W0001-003-015. The mayor and council resolved the issue of rezoning to R3 with the condition residential structure shall be limited to one single family detached structure. Powell opened the floor for comments and closed it after there were none. He then asked for a motion to approve the rezoning request. Councilmember Nichelson made the motion to approve the rezoning request. Councilmember Billue seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

The mayor continued with the new business by stating we had been approved for grant money from GDOT a sum of over \$10,000. The mayor asked for a resolution to apply for the funding which must be used for road projects and requires a match of 30%. Councilmember Crisp made a motion to apply for the LMIG Grant. Councilmember Nichelson seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.


Mayor Powell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Billue made a motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Nichelson. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

The meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Cochran  
City Clerk

  
Curtis Powell, Mayor