

City of White
City Council Meeting
March 2nd, 2026

Present at the council meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Nichelson, Council Members DJ Bennett and Karissa Noland, City Clerk Robin Cochran, and City Attorney Debra Golymbieski

Mayor Pro Tem Nichelson called the meeting to order, began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, and gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichelson moved on to the Review and Approval of Agenda for Mar 2nd asking if any changes were needed. None were heard. She asked for a motion. Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichelson moved on to the Approval of the Minutes from Jan 29th and Feb 2nd. She asked for a motion on minutes from Jan 29th. Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote. She asked for a motion on the minutes from Feb 2nd. Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichelson opened the floor for Public Comments:

Eddie Billue was the first to speak, he asked for progress on the solution to the PFOS/PFOA project. Councilmember Bennett stated that we were looking into possible solutions. Mr. Billue stated that he was very concerned about our answers to questions relating to this issue. Mayor Pro Tem Nichelson stated that we are working on solutions. Discussion continued and things got a little heated.

Brianna Shuping spoke about quitting (the City position) or being fired from her position with the City of White. Shuping also made complaints on her former boss, City Clerk Robin Cochran.

William Watkins spoke about his contribution to the city. He said he will continue to do it. He stated that he will support David and Jane Richards in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholson moved to Announcement and Reports:

- a. Robin Cochran - City Hall – No report was made.
- b. Sgt. Webb – Reported the stats for the month of February
Traffic stops 36
Accidents 0
Calls for service 58
Citizen contacts 308
Business escorts 140
Business checks 226
Citations 8
Warnings 63
- c. Shawn Chastain – Public Works – No report was made.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholson moved to unfinished business and reported that there was none

Mayor Pro Tem Nicholson moved to new business.

- Nicholson began with the Resolution to Request Federal Earmarked Funds for Water Projects. She briefly explained the resolution and asked for a motion, Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- Nicholson moved on to the next resolution: Resolution for a Referendum to allow Sunday Sales of Alcohol (Package Sales). She briefly explained that the resolution was simply to put the issue on the ballot to be voted on and asked for a motion, Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- Nicholson moved on to the next resolution: Resolution for a Referendum to allow Sunday Sales of Alcohol (on premises consumption). She briefly explained that the resolution was simply to put the issue on the ballot to be voted on and asked for a motion, Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

- Nicholson moved on to approval of the proposal to pave Kelly Trail and Water Tank Roadway. NW Georgia Paving was the sole bidder. The city extended the bidding period for one month, but no additional proposals were received. The city has a little over \$41K, 2014 SPLOS funds which are eligible to pay for the paving. The total cost for paving would be less than \$25K. Nicholson asked for a motion on execution of the paving project, Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- Nicholson moved on to the approval of Real Estate RFP for the surplus of 75 Richards Rd Property. Nicholson asked for a motion regarding the contract with H&H Realty to market that property, Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.
- Nicholson moved on to explain that there is no vote needed for the Annual Water Rate Increase, but we wanted to notify the citizens of the change in base rate will be .29 cents and the number of gallons covered by the base rate will go down from 1000 to 500.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Councilmember Bennett stated that he takes the water problem very seriously, as well as personnel issues, but he needs more information to understand both issues.

Funding water/sewer issues will depend on type (e.g. PFAS/PFOA, regular maintenance).

Robin brought up the CDs that needed to be moved. Stating the 6 month rate, it was our best option at 3.9%. Nicholson asked for a motion, Councilmember Bennett moved to approve, Councilmember Noland seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Greg Webb discussed the possibility of filming a movie in White. Producer will be at the Council meeting next month.

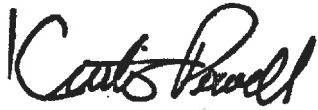
Nichelson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Noland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote. The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Cochran
City Clerk

Attest:



Curtis Powell, Mayor