

City of White Georgia
City Council Meeting
July 6th, 2026

Present at the council meeting were Mayor Curtis Powell, Councilmembers Stephanie Nicholson, DJ Bennett, Karissa Noland, and Jean Swank, City Clerk Robin Cochran, and City Attorney Debra Golymbieski.

Mayor Powell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the pledge of allegiance. Councilmember Nicholson gave the invocation.

Mayor Powell moved to the review and approval of the agenda for June 1st and asked for a motion. Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Councilmember Noland. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved to the approval of the minutes from June 1st. Floor open for discussion. None heard so a motion was requested. Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Councilmember Noland. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved to public comments and recognized Jerry Jude.

* Jerry Jude, Pastor of the Bread of Life Free Church asks for the opportunity to put up a new sign in front of the church. Pastor Jude stated the new illuminated sign would be offset from where the original sign is now. He is asking for special permission and lenience to place the illuminated sign given that his church is located in a residential area. He already purchased the sign permit and is asking council to approve installation of the sign.

Mayor Powell stated that given the timeline of procedure and to prevent having to wait until the next city council meeting a called meeting was in order. Pastor Jude stated the sign would also be able to be turned off at 10pm daily in cooperation with the city ordinance. Mayor Powell stated the adjacent properties would have to be notified.

Mayor Powell moved on to department reports:

* Robin Cochran, City Clerk, stated she had nothing to report.

* Brad Loyd, Police Chief, gave the department stats for June:

Traffic Stops – 91, Accidents – 1, Agency Assists – 4, Calls for Service – 129, Citizen Contacts – 224, Business Escorts – 134, Arrests – 3, Business Checks – 217, Citations – 49, and Warnings – 62. Mayor Powell asks how are the trucks, Chief Loyd responds they're great.

*Shawn Chastain, Public Works Director, reported 12 small water leaks and performed 2 water taps off of HWY 411. Mayor Powell asked how the new drainage is working in the Whispering Pines Subdivision, Shawn Chastain stated phase one is complete and they are waiting on Xfinity to finish their work. Councilmember Nicholson asked him about Brenda Scotts property; Shawn Chastain stated the DOT would have to get involved because it was a pipe they installed off of Stamp Creek Rd that drains rainwater into Brenda Scotts property. He said DOT put the pipe under HWY 411 and the pipe leads towards her property. Councilmember Nicholson asked who owned the retention pond to which Chastain responded North Hampton which causes excess water to flow towards the direction of Whispering Pines.

Mayor Powell moved to unfinished business:

* Bradly Barnett addressed the council stating he was appreciative of the council's time and consideration for his project and wanted to ask the council if they had any remaining questions from the last council meeting. He states the request is for 3.5 acres to be added to the project is currently zoned C1. Barnett stated his project is meant to help citizens and business owners who live and work in Bartow County. He stated the new property was going to strengthen the local tax base through revenues and support economic development by helping employers retain employees. He stated by creating local homeownership opportunities it helps parents invest in their children's future and place roots. He continues by saying that it would help local schools and small businesses.

*Jeanne Rudd, employee of TOYO, addressed the council and adds that she was there to speak about how much the employees at TOYO want this development. She states that a family asked her to speak on their behalf and that

this opportunity would greatly improve their living situation. She thanked the council for their consideration.

*Eddie Billue addressed the council and stated that he spoke with TOYO concerning a shuttle service for the TOYO residents. He added that it would also include NOTS employees.

Mayor Powell asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the project. Citizen from the audience asks how much the houses would cost. Bradley Barnett explains how he is trying to make the lots as affordable as possible. He should be able to keep the price below \$300,000 for each home. He explains that at the current rate the mortgage payment would run about \$1600. Barnett explains that the property is zoned for USDA loans. Councilmember Swank asks if for any reason the city did not approve the zoning if Barnett had a contingency plan. She offered the suggestion of a daycare that could serve TOYO employees' families. Rudd and Barnett adds that TOYO is only contributing to closing costs for employees. Councilmember Bennett added his concern of how close the homes would be to the street; Barnett confirmed the homes would be 135 feet from the street. Bennett raised the concern of the homes not having the measurements from the road they had previously discussed. Barnett explained that the homes could be placed back 9 to 11 feet and be single car garages instead of being double car garages. In addition, a planned roundabout will be installed as well as a splitter island. Councilmember Bennett asked how many units the project would have. Barnett replied with 177 to 180 homes. Mayor Powell asked what the current set back from the property line, Barnett provided that the property line would be 135 feet from the curb. Councilmember Bennett raised the question of who would maintain the property when the project was finished. Barnett said he had to warranty and maintain the homes and roads for two years but afterwards the HOA will be responsible. Bennett asked how many units would be in this section; Barnett replied 4 units.

Mayor Powell asked for any other discussion, Councilmember Nicholson disqualified herself from the vote. Councilmember Swank moved to approve rezoning to R-4, it was seconded by Mayor Powell. Motion carried with a 3-1 with Councilmember Noland opposing.

Mayor Powell moved onto the design implementation of the website, he recommends REVIZE and opens the floor for discussion. Councilmember Swank opens with her review of the websites and looked at their accessibility and quality of product and confirmed REVIZE is priced less with better quality product. Powell stated the company came in with a fixed rate of \$4950 with an annual fee of \$1900 where the city is given license and hosting capabilities for the website and offer free website redesign. Councilmember Nichelson makes a motion to use REVIZE for the website development and Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moves on to the approval of the surplus of the Trash Truck and Trash Cans and opens the floor for discussion. Councilmember Bennett motioned to surplus the Trash Truck and Trash Cans and Councilmember Swank second the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved to unfinished business:

Mayor opens with the 2026 Milage rate which is set at 3% and recommends we roll it back to 0. Councilmember Bennett makes a motion to roll back the milage rate to 0 and Councilmember Swank second the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved on to the First Read of Ordinances for Sunday Sale of Alcohol for both on premise and packaged sales states the second reading will be held at the meeting July 23.

Mayor Powell moves to the Resolution to adopt the Safety Action Plan for Bartow County, Councilmember Nichelson motion and Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell announces a called meeting on July 23rd at 6:30 pm and will contain the public hearing for Sunday sale of alcohol, IGA with Bartow County and Pastor Jude's special sign use permit.

Councilmember Nichelson made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Meeting ended 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Cochran
City Clerk

Attest:



Curtis Powell, Mayor