

City of White Georgia
Council Meeting
September 8th, 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 p.m. and began with the pledge of allegiance. Councilmember Nicholson gave the invocation.

Mayor Powell asked the council for revision of Resolution C under New Business wording from purchased to donated. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to approve; Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved on to the approval of the Agenda for September 8th. Councilmember Swank made a motion to approve; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved on to the approval of the minutes for August 3rd. Councilmember Swank made a motion to approve; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor moved on to Announcements and Reports:

- * City Clerk Robin Cochran stated the new times for the City's food pantry would be 8am- 12pm. She also stated that the food pantry is still accepting donations and with the addition of the fridge frozen and refrigerated items can be included. Cochran stated the CDs are coming up for renewal, one CD for \$54,098.05 and the other CD for \$43,861.16. She recommends rolling them over for 6 months at 3.76%. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to approve; Councilmember Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

- * Police Chief Brad Loyd stated he hired two new officers, one starting within the next week and another starting at the end of the month.

- * Public Works Director Shawn Chastain stated the city had 9 water leaks that were all repaired in house.

Mayor Powell moved on to Unfinished Business:

Mayor Powell opened with the Second Reading of the Motorized Cart Ordinance . This ordinance allows motorized carts on designated public streets, crossings, and establishes

registration and equipment requirements providing penalties and other purposes. Proof of liability insurance has been added in to the ordinance and was discussed during the work session. Councilmember Nicholson asked Mayor Powell when the council would do the designation of streets. Mayor responded before January 1st to give them some time to determine the crossings, finish paperwork and finalize plans. After that time discussions will start to determine how to deal with otherwise illegal vehicles. Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to approve effective Jan 1, 2027; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved to the water rate study for the Water Rate Increase due to connection to Bartow County Water. This will go into effect when the City of White connects to Bartow County Water. Councilmember Swank made a motion to approve the increase; Councilmember Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved on to New Business:

Mayor Powell announced City Clerk Robin Cochran will be retiring at the end of January. He presented the First Reading of the Dual-Role City Administrator/City Clerk Position ordinance that would combine the City Administrator/City Clerk position and read it aloud. The Mayor has power to make these changes as described in the Resolution 1.12, 1.23; and provided by the City Charter in section C-30.

Mayor Powell read the Resolution for the 2027 City Holidays which do not differ from the 2026 City Holidays. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to approve; Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell stated the City of Cartersville is surplusng a sewer jet truck. After a conversation between Powell and Cartersville city officials, a decision was made to donate the truck to the City of White. He stated the Resolution accepts the donation and allows him to sign any necessary paperwork to facilitate the transfer. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to approve; Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved to the next Resolution to update the City's building permit and other trade permit fee schedule. The building permit and trade permit fee schedule had not been updated since 2018. Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to table the vote until October; Councilmember Noland seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved on to the Purchase of the rental truck for the Water Department using Splost 2020 funds. Councilmember Swank made a motion to approve; Mayor Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor moved on to Acknowledging and Accepting Voluntary Waiver of Compensation submitted by Councilmember Swank. Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to approve; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Councilmember Swank recused herself from the vote.

Mayor Powell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the sale of surplus property; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The council entered Executive Session at 7:18pm..

Mayor Powell stated there were no votes taken and asked for a motion to close Executive Session. Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to approve; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The session ended at 8:37 p.m.

Mayor Powell stated in Executive Session the council talked about the Sale of Surplus Property. He asked the council to approve the exclusive real estate brokerage agreement between the City of White and H&H Realty for the sale of 18.91 acres. Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to approve; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Powell thanked City Attorney Debra Golymbieski for her hard work and appreciated her service to the city.

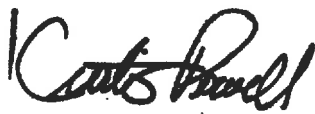
Councilmember Nicholson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Cochran
City Clerk

Attest:



Curtis Powell, Mayor