City of White Georgia
City Council Meeting
October 5th, 2026

Present at the council meeting were Mayor Curtis Powell, Councilmembers Karissa Noland, DJ Bennett, Jean Swank, and City Clerk Robin Cochran. Councilmember Stephanie Nichelson and City Attorney Jeremy Salter were not in attendance.

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

Mayor Powell moved on to the approval for the Agenda for Oct. 5th. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to approve; Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved on to the Approval of the Minutes from Sept. 8th and Sept. 17th. Councilmember Swank made a motion to approve; Councilmember Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved to Public Comments and recognized Eddie Billue:

* Eddie Billue asked the council to postpone the Building and Trade Permit Fee Schedule until the next meeting to give citizens the opportunity to review it.

Mayor Powell moved to Announcements and Reports

* City Clerk Robin Cochran stated that Councilmember Noland and Councilmember Bennett are hosting this year's Trunk or Treat. She also stated that the food truck the Paddy Wagon would be in attendance and the event would run from 5pm to 8pm.

* Chief of Police Brad Loyd reported that the Durango was repaired and back in service. He stated Officer Matt Burgess has officially started working. Councilmember Bennett asked Chief Loyd to speak on traffic stops near I-75 and Loyd stated sometimes the safest place to stop is near I-75. Loyd stated the stop starts inside of the city but the safest place to pull over is when the road goes to 4 lanes near the interstate.

* Director of Public Works Shawn Chastain reported there were a couple of leaks last month and the city received the donated Sewer Jet truck from the City of Cartersville.

Mayor Powell moved on to Unfinished Business:

*Mayor started with the Second reading of the Dual-Role City Administrator/ City Clerk Position Ordinance. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to approve; Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

*Mayor moved to Resolution 09-2026-03 Building and Trade Permit Fee Schedule. Billue asked if he needed to install a new window, would he need a permit. Councilmember Bennett informed Mr. Billue that permits for windows, roofs and doors were removed in the work session. He was informed that any home additions or accessory buildings would require a permit. Mayor Powell stated property line disputes are typically over home additions or accessory buildings. Powell stated the addition to an existing home would be a flat fee or 30 cents per square foot over 500 square feet. Billue asked for the revised copy of the building permit fees and asked for the Resolution to be tabled. William Watkins stated if you own a home you can do anything you want to without a permit. Mayor Powell informed Mr. Watkins that the city can adopt ordinances and permit fees. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to table the Building and Trade Fee Permits Resolution until November; Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved on to New Business:

* Mayor stated at the last Council Meeting the council approved the application to rezone 18.91 acres at 75 Richards Rd from A1 to R2. The public hearing will be on November 2nd at our regular meeting.

* Mayor moved to Resolution 10-2026-01 - Declare Dunk Tank as Surplus Property and Authorize its Disposal. Councilmember Bennett suggested the city try to donate it to another municipality that wants it and if none can be found the city can surplus it on GovDeals Councilmember Bennett made a motion to approve; Councilmember Swank seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Powell moved to Mayor and Council Comments:

* Mayor Powell asked the council if they wanted to announce the Trunk or Treat. Councilmember Bennett spoke about the Trunk or Treat at City Hall on October 31st from 5pm to 8pm. Councilmember Bennett and Councilmember Noland are the organizers and should be referred to for questions. Bennett stated they are still looking for more people to set up trunks. He stated if you have any questions, please contact him or Councilmember Noland.

Mayor Powell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Noland seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Cochran
City Clerk

Attest:

Curtis Powell, Mayor