## City of White, GA City Council Meeting Dec 7, 2020

Present at the meeting were Mayor Kim Billue, Councilmember Dennis Huskins, Councilmember Ryan Evans, Councilmember Charles Buttrum, City Attorney Leslie Simmons and City Clerk Robin Deal.

The meeting was called to order by our Mayor Billue at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Dennis Huskins opened the meeting with an invocation. Mayor Billue lead us in the saying of the pledge.

The minutes from the meeting on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> were read. Councilmember Evans made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Huskins seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

The Mayor recognized Brett Rampley and Kolt Privett to update the council on the ballfield. Rampley started by thanking the council for allowing them to move forward. He stated the kids and the organization were excited. Rampley listed the improvements they are wanting to make; move the fence 6', to improve drainage, update dugouts and to turf the infield which will need little to no maintenance. Rampley said the update to the field is for the kids and the community to enjoy with no costs to the city. He stated they would be doing fundraisers to get the project started. Kolt Privett gave details about the turf in the infield, drainage and the open-air dugouts.

Jimmy Nichols gave the report for the water department. He stated the city had used 2,770,900 gallons of water in November. Nichols said during the last meter reading all meters read. He stated the city had one leak in November on Tracy Lane of a 2" pipe.

Lamar Holcombe our new police officer stood in for the Chief at the council meeting. He did not have any stats to give for the department but took this time to inform the council about himself and experience. Holcombe stated he was glad to be here and was looking forward to starting his new shift on nights. Several citizens and Councilmember Buttrum asked questions about calls and procedures during Holcombe's report. He assured everyone he would be working nights very soon and would focus on the problems mentioned in the meeting.

Robin Deal gave the city hall report. Deal presented the council with the 2021 Budget for the second reading. Motion was made by Councilmember Huskins to approve the 2021 Budget. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote. Deal continued with information regarding the Mayor's retirement. She explained it is calculated on a monthly basis and not on her vearly salary since she's a fulltime mayor. Deal stated that GMEBS needs to do a cost study to see the impact on the city. Councilmember Huskins and Buttrum asked questions about the retirement and cost study. Huskins also asked what if down the road we had a part time mayor. Deal stated it would fall under the monthly plan just like the rest of the elected officials. Motion was made by Councilmember Evans for GMEBS to do the cost study. Councilmember Huskins seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote. Deal continued her report by asking the council to approve Christmas bonuses in the form of \$50 visa gift cards for all city employees and council members. Councilmember Huskins made the motion to approve the Christmas bonuses of \$50 visa gift cards. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote. And lastly Deal presented for approval two amendments to the 2020 Budget. One Administration Accounting/Audits to cover two audits in one year and the other for Repairs and General Maintenance in Public Works to cover water leaks for the year.

Billy Baker give the update on Richards Rd Project. He stated we had opened the bids and the winning bid was from Site Engineering for \$368,000. Baker stated this was \$50,000 less than we had anticipated but could be used if any change orders were needed. He also stated that if we can stay within the numbers; we might be able to pave the road with 2" asphalt. Baker hopes the city can purchase the materials and the county pay for the paving of the road. He asked for a vote from the council to accept the bid. Baker also gave a 60-day time frame from start to finish for the project. Councilmember Huskins made a motion to accept the bid from Site Engineering. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Under new business Mayor Billue presented for council approval a resolution to appoint Robin Deal, Election Superintendent for 2021. Councilmember Huskins made the motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Mayor Billue also asked permission from the council to sell all equipment for the dog kennel from the 2020 Dodge Durango. She told the council that she had already had another municipality contact her about the equipment which City Attorney Leslie Simmons stated would not need to go through the bidding process. Councilmember Huskins made the motion to sell the dog kennel equipment from the Dodge Durango to another municipality. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

Councilmember Huskins made a motion to end the meeting. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote. The meeting ended at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Deal City Clerk

Approved:

Kim D. Billue, Mayor