

CITY OF WHIGHAM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2026

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at the Whigham City Hall with Mayor Trey Gainous presiding. Gainous called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and Robert Porter opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Those present were: Mayor Trey Gainous, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers, Jimmie Laing, Joel Singletary, Andrew Walden and Robert Porter. Staff present: Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, Police Chief Tony Black, and City Clerk Rachel Jenson. No members of the public were present.

***Agenda Adoption***

**Andrew Walden made a motion to adopt the agenda. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

***Minutes Adoption***

**Robert Porter made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March meeting. Andrew Walden seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

***Reports***

*CH:* City Clerk Jenson informed the Council that just prior to the Council meeting, financials had been received from September 2025 to February 2026 and had been emailed to the council members. Jenson reported that she and the Mayor had met with Perry Henry, and after discussion, Missy Adams, who works for Henry and has been working on the monthly financials for several years for the City, would be taking over doing the financials independently.

*Utilities:* Utilities Director Josh Ausburn stated he had met with the administrator at the nursing home about the updates that needed to be done. Ausburn also stated he and Jenson had met with the City Attorney about arranging a meeting between Ferenchick, the city, and the nursing home to go over the obligations and requirements that must be completed. Ausburn also updated that reflectors had been placed on 179 S., tree trimming had been done, and some new signs had been ordered.

*PD:* Chief Black updated the Mayor and Council on updates he had received at the Chief's conference on the school zone cameras. The changes would only go into effect when the contract needs to be renewed, which is in 2028. If the bill were to go through, a renewal would have to be voted on by citizens before a renewal contract could be signed. Fines would be changed/lowered, and signage would have to be changed. Chief Black recommended that citizens be educated on the good points of the camera presence. Black also stated that the majority of the tickets issued were not to local people, but out-of-town drivers.

***New Business***

*School Zone Camera Budget:* Chief Black stated he and CPA Perry Henry had discussed creating a budget for the camera funds and expenses. Black stated that we were taking as much expense off the City as we could legally and paying it out of the school zone camera fund. **Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers made a motion to adopt the budget as presented for the school zone camera fund. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

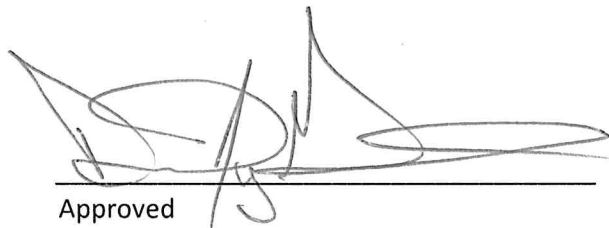
Council Matters of Interest

Jimmie Laing stated that downtown was looking good.

Mayor Gainous informed the Council the city had been preapproved for a 5 million dollar grant through GEFA with 100% forgiveness for the sewer project.

**With no other matters to tend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Robert Porter. Andrew Walden seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.**

  
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Approved