

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2025

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Whigham City Hall with Mayor Trey Gainous presiding. Gainous called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. 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, Andrew Walden, Joel Singletary and Robert Porter. Staff present: Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, Whigham Police Officer John Jackson and City Clerk Rachel Jenson. Members of the public present: Nick Farrell with the Whigham DDA.

Agenda Adoption

A motion was made by Andrew Walden to adopt the agenda as presented. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes Adoption

A motion was made by Robert Porter to adopt the minutes from the July 8th and July 25th meetings. Andrew Walden seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Fees/Rates Resolution: Mayor Gainous asked the Council to start with the fee and rates resolution since the budget that is proposed includes the figures with the approved resolution. Mayor Gainous read the resolution, stating “the water rate for the first 1,000 gallons shall be \$20.00 in the City limits of Whigham, with a charge of \$2.32 for each additional thousand gallons thereafter” and “the water rate for the first 1,000 gallons shall be \$25.00 outside the city limits of Whigham, with a charge of \$2.32 for each additional thousand gallons thereafter”. Also on the resolution, “For all electric meter subscribers, a meter availability fee shall be assessed at \$5.00 per month”. **Robert Porter made a motion to approve the resolution for the water rate changes and the electric meter availability fee. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Public Hearing

Budget Adoption for 2025/2026 FY : Mayor Gainous stated with the approved resolution for the water and electric, the budget that had been presented would work. Mayor Gainous asked if any of the Council had any questions. Mr. Porter inquired if the budget had included what the City anticipated from the school cameras that had been installed. Gainous replied that those figures were not included, as we did not know what to anticipate the cameras would bring in. **With no further questions or opposition, Robert Porter made a motion to adopt the budget that had been presented. Andrew Walden seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.**

New Business

DDA Properties: Discussion

Jim Sellers stated he would abstain from discussing or voting on the properties for the DDA since he was a current DDA Board Member. Mayor Gainous informed the rest of the Council that after

discussion with the City Attorney, the best way to “give” the properties to the DDA for them to handle and use would be by issuing a quit claim deed, as long as the City deems the properties as excess properties that the City no longer needs. The properties would be: the old Police Department (W4, A33), the museum (W4,A6), the utilities office (W4,A7), (W6,04), (W4,A34), (W4,22), (W4,21), (W4,20), and (W6,2,01). After reviewing the location list and map of each parcel, the following Councilmen agreed to quit claim the properties to the DDA Board: Jimmie Laing, Robert Porter, Andrew Walden and Joel Singletary.

Council Matters of Interest

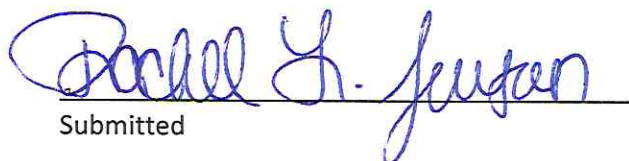
Mr. Andrew Walden stated he had been contacted by Thelma Thomas on Waldrop Ave. about the school traffic blocking her driveway again, even though signs were posted to not block the drive. Officer John Jackson responded that they had tried to stagger the traffic and they had no immediate resolution to fix the problem. Jackson did state he had some ideas and would contact the Principal to try to get something changed for the residents. Councilman Porter replied that people disregard the signs and get upset if you leave the space to not block the driveway. Gainous stated he will talk to the Principal, Kelly Joiner, as well as the School Superintendent, Dr. McFee.

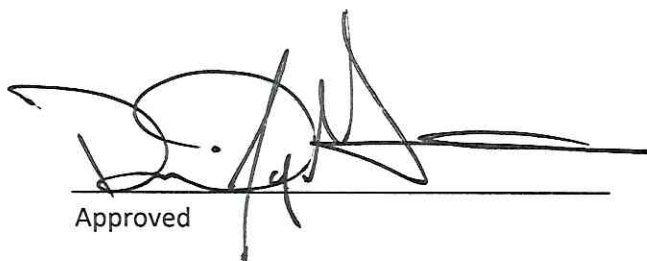
Mayor Gainous stated he was pleased with the mowing on 84 and it looked good. Gainous stated he was looking at a grass-growing preventative that could be useful in the City.

Reports

Utilities: Ausburn stated they had just been doing standard jobs and repairs. Nothing major to report.

With no other matters to tend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Robert Porter. Jimmie Laing seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.


Submitted


Approved