

CITY OF WHIGHAM
COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2026

The Whigham City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Whigham City Hall with Mayor Trey Gainous presiding. Gainous called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Robert Porter and the pledge to the flag.

Those present were: Mayor Trey Gainous, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Sellers, Robert Porter, and Joel Singletary. Staff present: Patrolman Daniel Carr, Utilities Director Josh Ausburn, and City Clerk Rachel Jenson. Members of the public present: Nick Farrell Jane Trulock.

Agenda Adoption

Jim Sellers made a motion to adopt the agenda. Robert Porter 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 May meeting. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Alcohol License Application: Huds 5: Ramzan Jasani

City Clerk Jenson stated an alcohol license application had been submitted to City Hall by the new owner of Huds 5 and all of the requirements of the City had been met that are required for granting an alcohol license. **A motion was made by Robert Porter to approve the alcohol license application. Jim Sellers seconded the motion to approve the application. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Petitions and Communications

Tyler Akridge/Cash and Carry-June 20th event

City Clerk Jenson stated a special event application had been submitted by Tyler Akridge/Cash and Carry for a farm swap event on June 20th. Jenson let the Council know that the event would be held on the fenced-in lot behind Huds owned by Cash and Carry. Jenson stated that the plans for parking would be on Depot Street, City Hall and Cash and Carry's lot and she has spoken with Chief Black who told her no extra patrol would be needed. **Jim Sellers made a motion to approve the special event permit application. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

Nick Farrell/Whigham DDA-June 13th event

Jenson stated a special even application had been submitted by Nick Farrell on behalf of the Whigham DDA to hold a Zero Turn Lawnmower Race on June 13th at the Whigham School at 6:00 PM. Farrell was present and told the Council here would be vendors set up, all racing would be on the field and the audience would be behind the fence. Parking would be at the school and he had discussed with Chief Black that no extra patrol would be needed. Several volunteer firefighters would be present in the even that emergency services were needed, along with a firetruck. **Robert Porter made a motion to approve**

the special event permit. Joel Singletary seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Mayor Gainous informed the Council the budget would be presented for next month's meeting on July 14th. Financials had been sent out prior to the meeting and also provided in paper form for the Council to review.

Utilities: Ausburn reported that regular maintenance had been completed, paving bids had been received and hopefully paving would begin mid-July. Ausburn also stated he had spoken with York Engineering for treatment plant options for the sewer project.

City Hall: Jenson reported that the first check had been received on the new SPLOST (2026) and with the Council's permission, set up the new account at the bank to deposit the funds into. There were no objections to the Clerk setting up the new account. Jenson also reported that a citation had been issued for a zoning violation by Brian Harrison with Code Enforcement to Legacy Labor Properties. The citation was for a multi-family violation in a single-family residence at 165 SW Larkin St. The court date for this zoning violation was set for July 27th at 3:00 PM at the Grady County Courthouse.

WVCC: Jane Trulock told the Council they were finalizing Grady Grown plans, which was scheduled to be held on September 5 at the Community Club. Dinner would be catered by SOCO and the event was scheduled to be held from 6-9. Live music was to be performed by local Blues artist, Johnny Marshall. Trulock also pointed out that Welcome signs had been replaced and the banner in front of the school was from the WVCC as well.

Council Matters of Interest

Mayor Pro Tem Sellers asked the City Clerk about the billing software, Edmunds, and asked Jenson if she felt that looking at other software companies might be something we need to do, since it seemed Edmunds was not meeting our expectations. Jenson stated that she would look, if the Council gave her permission, as it had been almost 4 years with Edmunds come October and they were still manually entering meter readings which was "guaranteed" to be no issue. Jenson did state she had reached out to City of Thomasville to see how they were liking their billing software, Cogsdale, after the split from UBILL by both cities in 2020, to which they responded they would not recommend swapping to. Jenson stated she would do some research and see what other options were available.

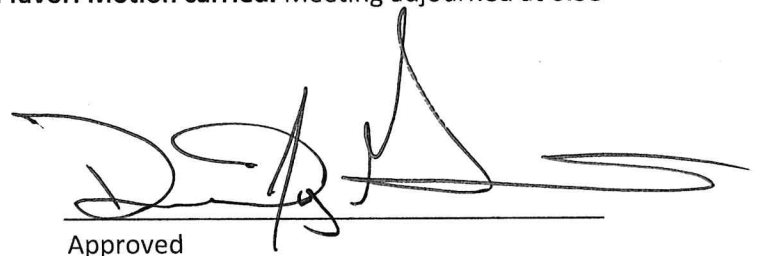
Sellers did want to also point out how great the City had been looking and how many compliments he had received. *Robert Porter* stated he had received several compliments on the flags lining Hwy 84 by the WVCC. *Joel Singletary* inquired if the City could get speedbumps or something similar to slow the traffic down on Lee Ave as well as Christopher Ave, as he had several complaints made to him. The other members agreed it was definitely a need. Utilities Director Ausburn was asked by Mayor Gainous to get some prices on options.

With no other matters to tend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Sellers. Robert Porter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.



Submitted

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