

City of Whitwell
Board of Commission
November 14, 2024
6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Mayor Sandra Crabtree.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Mike Dillon.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sandra Crabtree.

Certification of the Sunshine Law was met.

Roll Call-As follows:

1. Mayor Sandra Crabtree- Present
2. Vice-Mayor Shelley Castle- Absent
3. Commissioner Jim Nunley- Present
4. Commissioner Mike Dillon- Present
5. Commissioner Will Adams- Absent
6. City Manager- Lonnie Cleek- Present
7. City Recorder-Carol Condra-Present
8. City Attorney Sarah Willis-Absent

Approval of the Agenda- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Nunley, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Dillon. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.

Approval of the September 12, 2024 minutes- A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the minutes from September 12, 2024 meeting, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nunley. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries. The meeting scheduled for October 10, 2024 was cancelled.

New Business

1. Co-Park Directors Placed- Mr. Cleek wanted to address the Commission that he has chosen Sandra Tennille and Ashton Matherly as Co-Park Directors. He said they are both city employees and seem excited to get things going.
2. Jasper Sewer Bills-Mr. Cleek has been speaking with Mrs. Sarah Willis who is our city's attorney, and he would like to table this item while they are working on an agreement.

3. County Loan Proposal- Mr. Cleek discussed the stipulation concerning the loan, and he would like to ask the Commission to decline the loan offer from the county. A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to decline the loan offer of \$500,000 from the county, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nunley. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.
4. Employee Christmas Bonus-Mr. Cleek said that they had budgeted the bonus to be the same as last year, and he wanted to formerly ask the Commissions permission to give the bonus. A motion to allow Mr. Cleek to give the employees a Christmas bonus, and for the amount to be the same as last year was made by Commissioner Nunley, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Dillon. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.
5. Fire Department Pump Motor-Chief Davis explained that he was having issues with the pump motor on the brush truck, and he would like to ask for permission to purchase one. He found one for \$900 and with shipping it will be around \$1,100. A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to allow Chief Davis to purchase the motor and have it put in, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nunley. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.

Old Business- Not currently

City Manger's Report-given by Lonnie Cleek

1. Tractors Down-They have been working on the tractors, and trying to order bolts for the boom mower.
2. County Budget and Finance (Loan)-This item was previously discussed.
3. CDBG Grant-We did not get approved for this grant, but we can apply again.
4. Insurance Claim on Sign (Finalizing)-We received notification that the sign is fixed. We are just waiting for it to be shipped then the old sign can be removed.
5. Paving (Hoping we finish before end of season)-Mr. Cleek said they are hopeful to get South Pine Street paved before the end of the season.
6. Working with Several Department Heads Organizing Grants-He is working with the Senior Citizens and Police Department with finalizing their grants.
7. Jasper and Sewer Bills- This item was previously discussed.
8. Park Directors in Place-This was also previously discussed.
9. Nuisance Report-Mr. Cleek will discuss in the report segment.
10. Been in Contact with Fair-Mr. Cleek has spoken with the Fair Association, and he is waiting to hear back on confirmation of a date.

City Recorder's Report-Mrs. Condra was in training for her CMFO Certification.

Departmental Reports

1. Police Department-given by Chief Boyd-Report as follows: 128 calls for service, 11 offense reports, 34 assists, 70 stops, 36 citations, 0 warrant service, 1 arrest and 1 warrant issued. This is for the month of October, 2024
2. Fire Department-given by Chief Davis- The fire department report for the month of September, 2024 as follows: 12 total calls, average response time 7 minutes, average manpower response 13, total hours on scene 23 and 4 hours of In-House Training.
3. Library Report- given by Cathy Black-The report for October, 2024 was as follows: 663 Total Circulation, 457 READS Online, 0 Computer Users, 59 Wireless Users, 10 One-on-One Technology Sessions, 30 New Cards issued, 214 People Count, 16 Reference Transactions, 2 Inter Library loaned, 0 Inter Library borrowed, 3 Programs & Events Sponsored, 0 Events not Sponsored by the library, 102 Number of programs reached outside the library, 3,786 Overall total of Patrons. She is excited to be moved in to the new location so she can begin working on her future programs.
4. Senior Citizens Report- No report given. Mrs. Tennille was absent due to having covid.
5. Saddle Club-They had a few members speak in regards to the horse shows, annual awards banquet, and reporting their financial statement. The members said they are barely covering expenses. Again, it was discussed that once the Saddle Club started showing a profit, they would pay the city a percentage.

Committee/Board/Commission Reports

1. Parks and Recreation-Mr. Cleek said they are having Holiday on 28 on November 16th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
2. Planning Commission Board-Mayor Crabtree said they meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Dillon replied that there is no new business coming up, and due to the holiday and people being out of town, he would like to request canceling November's meeting.
3. Neighborhood Nuisance Board- Mr. Cleek said that due to working on tractors and other things, he spoke verbally with one of the homeowners, and he said they are continuing to make progress so he will re-visit in a few days.

Mr. Cleek wanted to check with the Commission concerning the city meeting for the month of December. He said our Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 10th and the meeting would be December 12th. A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to cancel the December meeting and meet in January at the regular scheduled date, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nunley. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries. Commissioner Dillon also wanted to invite Mr. David Hudson, who is the new City Commissioner to the dinner.

Legal- Not currently.

Community Comments-

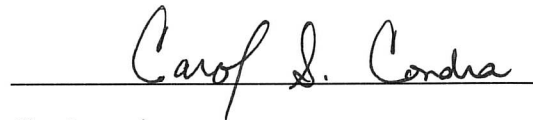
1. Patrick Childs spoke and stated that the school composite scores came in, and based on a scale from 1 being the lowest to 5 being the highest, Whitwell High School scored a 5. The other county high schools scored a 1. He was impressed by our teachers, and stated that if we see them to give them a pat on the back for all the hard work. Mr. Childs is running for County Mayor.

Announcements- Mayor Crabtree would like to announce that the Marion County Library partnered with Room to Read, and they were able to give out 2,500 free books to the children in all our county schools.

Adjournment- A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to adjourn, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nunley. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries



Mayor



City Recorder