

**City of Grantville City Council Work Session  
Minutes**

**August 12, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Glanton Municipal Complex**

**123 Lagrange Street, Grantville, GA**

**Call to Order: @ 6:30 pm**

**Present: Mayor Doug Jewell, Councilmembers Alan Wacaser, Mark King, Ruby Hines, Jim Sells, City Attorney Mark Mitchell, City Manager Al Grieshaber Jr., Asst. City Clerk BettyAnn Rooks**

**Invocation: Councilmember Ruby Hines**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Doug Jewell**

**Approval of Agenda: Councilmember Ruby Hines made a motion to add to the agenda Kyle Campbell contract update and paving of Pitts Circle and Hawkins Street contract update Hines/King opposing Sells/Wacaser. Mayor voted in favor; 3-2**

**Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Millage Rate Increase:** Mr. Mills spoke on the need for the millage rate increase. **Public Hearing opened @6:58 p.m.**

**Citizens Comments:** Connie Warren, Janice Faircloth, Johnny Cook, Marion Cieslik, Allison Creel, Chelsea Couch

**Public Hearing Closed at 7:21 p.m.**

There was an in-depth discussion on the work session agenda items for August 12,2019.

Presentation: Jim Gay, Coweta County Recreation and Joseph Robards: starting a Baseball League at the Grantville Park Complex

Discussion/Decision on Purchasing a 2019 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4 vehicle for the Senior Center (approved July 22,2019 for 23,026.00; price increased to 23,940.00)

Discussion/Decision on Consultant Agreement with Ron Owens

Discussion/Decision on Ordinance Granting Franchise to Coweta-Fayette EMC

Discussion/Decision on Ordinance providing an updated Distributed Generation Rider as recommended by Electric Cities of Georgia

Discussion/Decision on Engagement Letter to provide audit services for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019 and Authorizing the Mayor to sign.

Discussion/Decision on forming an Ad-hoc Budget Committee with 3 Council Members and Five Citizens

Discussion/Decision on formulating a five-year Technology Plan

Discussion/Decision on forming a Youth Council

Discussion/Decision on Relocation and Training Agreement with Russell C. Chambers and Authorizing the Mayor to sign.

Discussion/Decision on Training Agreement with Roberta Higgins and Authorizing the Mayor to sign.

Discussion/Decision on Resolution 2019-22 to amend the Travel Policy

Discussion of Contract with Crawford Grading and Pipeline Inc. for the Demolition of Structure Located at 82 Banks Street.

Discussion/Determination of Ethic Complaint filed by Marion Cieslik against Selma Coty.

**Citizens Comments:** Marion Cieslik, Selma Coty

**City Council Comments:**

**Councilmember Alan Wacaser:**

**Councilmember Mark King:** Yes, I have the budget and the line items. There are some that can be cut and some that need more money, some line items are less than four years ago. Its also our responsibility to watch over the necessities of the citizens and its our responsibility to watch over the necessities for the city. To watch the city grow; to make the city grow. In order to do that we may have to make do somethings that aren't always pleasant as we are called upon to do but we will make the decision. Your decision has enabled us to make our decision and our decision will always be what is best for the people at all times. Thank you

**Councilmember Ruby Hines:** This is for the record; once the five members for the Budget Committee are chosen from our citizens and the three council members, I hope that will bring enlightenment to many people on the budget and procedures. I'm not a

mathematician so some of the items are interesting. But once all this is in place it will be more helpful to us in understanding the budget for those of us who may not. Thank you.

**Councilmember Jim Sells:** I'm very excited about Mrs. Hines comments. We are talking now talking about the budget. It's my opinion what is said is absolute fact. We are draining our resources by spending. We are draining the money we need for infrastructure and improvements for our utilities and that is doing opposite of what I believe Mr. King is talking about. We need to be fiscal responsible to attract businesses. We need our infrastructure strong and we need reserves. We are draining our reserves. You can't put enough accountants in front of me to tell me that the audit is wrong. The audit is the audit I'm hopeful and very happy Mrs. Hines is talking about the budget. And I hope all five of us are talking about the budget. It is now on the agenda. Ultimately if you prove me wrong you will get an apology but ultimately what I believe we are going to do is what we did back in 2012 and 2013. We're going to figure out where the fat is and we are going to trim it. So, we can be fiscally responsible for the people who are paying. We can stop doing forty percent water and sewer increases and forty percent property increases. Thank you for hanging in here so long.

**Mayor Doug Jewell:** I want to thank everyone for coming out. We will look at the budget. We will have another meeting on it and again you will have another opportunity. It will be limited. You will have the opportunity to discuss it. The budget is available do like Mrs. Warren did; get in there and dissect it. Come back with your comments. That's all I have to say. Again, thank y'all for coming.

**City Manager Al Grieshaber Jr.:**

**City Attorney Mark Mitchell:**

**Adjournment: Hine/King 4-0**