

**CITY OF GRANTVILLE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.
Glanton Municipal Complex
123 Lagrange Street, Grantville, GA 30220**

Call to Order: at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Doug Jewell

Present: Mayor Doug Jewell, Council Members Alan Wacaser, Mark King, Ruby Hines and Jim Sells; City Manager Al Grieshaber, Jr., City Attorney Mark Mitchell and City Clerk Robi Higgins

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda King/Hines: 4-0

Presentation by John Giles, ECG: Qualified and Certified Linemen for the City of Grantville

Mr. Giles spoke to the Mayor and Council regarding a possible agreement between ECG and Grantville to provide an employee to fill this position.

2020 Census: Information Only

Discussion on Contract with WBI, Inc. and contracts with Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc. for the Sludge Removal from Pond #1 Colley Street City Attorney Mitchell stated he is preparing the contracts but waiting on details of proposal information from contractor.

Announcement: 2020 Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, February 15, 2020

Golden Creek Room, Coweta County Fairgrounds 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch will be served on site. Session begins at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion on Amendment to the Service Delivery Strategy to add Housing

Discussion on Signing Letter in Support of Funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program in Fiscal Year 2021 The City Manager recommended signing the letter of support.

Discussion on Paving Griffin Street and Sidewalks from Brown School Drive to Hwy 29

Councilmember Hines requested this item be added to the Agenda and spoke in favor of consideration, as did the Mayor. The City Manager stated that the 2019 LMIG Project is Paving Griffin Street from Main Street to Brown School Drive, estimated cost of approximately \$148,000 has not been confirmed; of which the City share would be \$103,812.00. Our LMIG Grant in 2019 was \$44,188.22. We have SPLOST money to pay our share of that along with our 2020 LMIG Project which was Lone Oak Street from Hwy 29 to Grant Street. With those monies allocated, we do not have sufficient monies to pave Griffin Street and add sidewalks to Griffin Street from Brown School Drive to Hwy 29. The City Manager caveats that by not knowing how much that would cost because of ROW Acquisition for the Sidewalks.

Ms. Hines stated for the record: "Gentlemen, I believe we should pave Griffin Street. Keep in mind, at a previous meeting it was estimated that it would cost \$310,000 to pave Griffin Street, not inclusive of the sidewalks. I believe we should pave Griffin Street and sidewalks to Hwy 29 for the following reasons: Griffin St is the gateway into the City. It's the Pony Express. It is a well traveled road. We have over 50 plus houses in Summer Hill Subdivision. Paving Griffin Street with sidewalks will enable our citizen to walk to downtown Grantville and eat at our very fine restaurants. It will also enable our citizen to walk to businesses on Hwy 29 safely and not in the grass. The previous road, Lone Oak Street that was approved by 3 councilmen, voted to pave, already have sidewalks and the traffic

flow is not as great on Lone Oak Street as it is on Griffin Street. If a traffic flow study was done, I believe you would find this to be factual. Well kept roads and sidewalk enhances our city and make it an invite. Now, when the two side streets were paved, Hawkins Street and Pitts Circle, we had in excess \$200,000. We only used \$105,000 because the descriptive ROW was used instead of the ROW deed. So, in my estimation we have more than \$100,000 left from the two side roads. Mr. Grieshaber, please feel free to correct me if I am wrong. So I recommend that we ask our City Engineer to draw plans for Griffin Street paving with sidewalks and bring it before the Mayor, Manager and City Council for insight. Now, we've been back and forth on this road for the last six years, well several roads. I believe all roads in the city needs to be paved; Lagrange Street, Meriwether Street, Lone Oak Road, Lone Oak Street, Smith Street, Roger Arnold Road, Charlie Patterson Road, Roads in the village, Sheperd Street, Church Street, Edmond Leigh Circle, and so on. However, we all know funds are not available for all roads currently. So, that is my recommendation concerning Griffin Street and Sidewalks to Highway 29." Mayor Jewell also spoke in support of sidewalks on Griffin Street and said he has for a long time. Council members Wacaser and Sells spoke in opposition to the proposal of sidewalks on Griffin Street.

Discussion/Decision on Removal of Dead Tree on Griffin Street – limbs near power line

Councilmember Hines requested this item be placed on the Agenda for discussion. The City Manager stated that the City Engineer is looking into it. However, we believe it is on private property; the tree sits behind the sidewalk. Ms. Hines stated that she spoke with the property owner who lives in New York and he firmly stated he was not going to pay to have the tree removed. Council member Hines respectfully recommended that the City cut this partly fallen tree down for the following reasons: It is a safety risk for the citizens on Griffin Street and should be cut down as the tree that was cut down on the lower end of Griffin street, going north, right side of road, that has been labeled personal property. I recommend that the City check the distance from the road for both trees and see where the City property line lies from the road to the tree in question. Two years ago Gentleman, on Griffin Street, the power was out for two or more days. People lost food and was not reimbursed, according to their report for the loss. So I am asking that we be sensitive to their needs and remove this dead, useless tree. If you go down the line you will see this tree is on the same line. The tree is on the lot adjacent to 320 Griffin Street.

Discussion/Decision on Household Items at 59 Edmond Leigh Drive

Councilmember Hines also asked that this be placed on the agenda. The Notice of Violation letter was sent on January 10, 2020 to the Estate giving the owners 30 days to take corrective action to clean up the yard and repair the roof. Today is the 30th day.

Discussion/Decision on Public Works projects to be paid with 2013 – 2018 SPLOST – Roads monies

Tree Trimming: Estimated cost \$75,000.00

Hot Asphalt Pothole Patching Trailer: Estimated cost \$50,000.00

The City Manager recommended approval for the above items to be paid with SPLOST funds. The Mayor wanted to know if we could rent a machine and survey other cities to find out how they handle. Councilmember Hines recommended a committee meeting regarding citizen input on the above projects.

Discussion/Decision on Authorization for Planning Commission Members to Attend Training in

Lawrenceville, GA The City Engineer recommends sending Planning and Zoning Board Commissioners to the Training Session March 26, 2020

Councilmember Sells made a motion; seconded by King to skip Discussion on the Veto of Ordinances below and move past these items on the Agenda and skip to the Citizen Comment Section. Sells/King: 3-1. Hines opposed. Mayor opposed.

Discussion/Decision on Veto of Ordinance Number 2019-13 to Amend Section 38-1(b) of the Code of Ordinances to employ the services of a rating specialist not less than every five years to study and review the rates then in effect and suggest changes

Discussion/Decision on Veto of Ordinance Number 2019-14 to Amend Section 3.03 of the Charter

Discussion/Decision on Veto of Ordinance Number 2019-15 to Add a New Paragraph to Charter section 3.04

Discussion/Decision on Veto of Ordinance Number 2019-16 to Amend Section 3.08 of the Charter

Citizens Comments: Marion Cieslik and Connie Warren

City Council Comments

Councilmember Alan Wacaser:

Councilmember Mark King:

Councilmember Ruby Hines:

Councilmember Jim Sells:

Mayor Doug Jewell:

City Manager Al Grieshaber Jr.:

City Attorney Mark Mitchell: Will not be able to attend the Council Meeting on February 17, 2020 as he had previous plans made before the date was changed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Hines/King: 4-0