

TOWN OF WHITEVILLE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

November 5, 2012

The November regular meeting was call to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call was answered by Chandra Johnson, Charles Phillips, Jimmie Lee Robertson, Emily Rosson, Tommy Turner and Sidney Woods.

Minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting were read and approved on motion by Sidney Woods, 2nd by Tommy Turner. None opposed. Motion carried.

Steve Wyatt from MTAS was present to discuss the need for a raise in water and sewer rates. He explained that the Town's utility system was now under the oversight and authority of the State Water Finance Board. He presented different rate change schedules and options to bring our system into compliance. After discussion, the Board decided to make the increase in 7% increments over the next three years rather than doing the increase in one year. A motion for 1st reading of an ordinance to raise the rates over three years at a rate of 7% per year to take effect with the February billing was made by Charles Phillips and 2nd by Emily Rosson. None opposed. Motion carried.

A called meeting for the 2nd reading of the ordinance was set for November 20 at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting of December 3 was changed to December 10.

In grievances of citizens: Jerry Piper asked why the minutes were not on the web site. It was explained to him that our webmaster had been out with an injury and that they would soon be available.

In Mayor's reports: Mayor Bellar reported that two abandoned houses on Jackson had been torn down. He reported that a letter from the Chickasaw Indians re: the building of the retention basin had been received. They believed the site for the basin could be an ancient burial ground. This will be addressed at the public hearing for the grant that will build the basin.

Mayor Bellar also reported that the Halloween Trunk or Treat downtown was a success again.

In Aldermen's reports: Sidney Woods presented the police report. Chief Stanley presented a quote on new police vehicles, \$23,500 on 2013 Chargers and \$860.00 for radios. A motion to purchase the new cars in black and white was made on motion by Emily Rosson, 2nd by Charles Phillips. None opposed. Motion carried.

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Chandra Johnson asked if we had received the sales tax money yet that was owed us from last year. We have ^{not} yet received it.

Jimmie Lee Robertson stated that the removal of the old houses on Jackson made a huge difference to the street.

Before next month's meeting, the Aldermen were asked to write down needed asphalt repairs that they noted on the streets.

Fire Chief Burkeen reported that \$161.00 was made on the circus. He also reported that during the last year, they have had 68 fires and 158 1st Responder calls.

There was a question regarding the closing of one of the prisons. Mayor Bellar answered that there was no danger of the prisons closing at this time.

Having no other business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Charles Phillips and 2nd by Sidney Woods. None opposed. Motion carried.



James Bellar, Mayor



Patricia Randolph, Recorder