

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Mitchell, Georgia, was called to order by Mayor Gail Berry on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Mitchell's City Hall.

Those present included:  
Mayor Gail Berry

### Council Members

Lewis Berry  
Allen Underwood  
Amy Wallace  
Mike Neal

Lewis Berry rendered the invocation. Following the reading of the minutes of the last regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2022, Amy Wallace motioned to approve the minutes; Councilman Underwood voiced a second to the motion. Motion carried.

### American Rescue Plan Act Funding Update

Mayor Berry apprised officials that the recent Final Rule for the American Rescue Plan Act provided an exclusion for NEU's receiving less than \$10 million. Instead of a myriad list of projects for the funds, the Town was allowed to use the funds exclusively for revenue replacement; therefore, no further project submission would be required.

### Ballfield Improvements

Mayor Berry reviewed an email correspondence from Glascock County Commission Chairman Lori Boyen which explained that County Commissioners had discussed contributing \$12,000.00 toward project completion, with an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 for the backstop and 190 feet down the baseline on either side. Mayor Berry anticipates more information before the next council meeting.

### Playground Equipment

Lisa Raley was traveling and unable to attend, but she reported having quotes for playground equipment. No action was taken on this matter.

### Jamie Kitchens – Sanitation Collection Pay Increase

Motion made by Amy Wallace, second by Lewis Berry, to approve a pay increase of \$25.00 per garbage pick-up day for Jamie Kitchens effective immediately. Motion carried.

(Mike Neal arrived)

### Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Negotiation

Mayor Berry reported that a Local Option Sales Tax Negotiation agreement certificate for local option sales tax distribution must be completed by December 31, 2022 (occurs every ten (10) years). This agreement would be between the Glascock County Commissioners and each municipality within the county. More information regarding negotiations should be forthcoming.

Mayor/Mayor Pro tem Stipends

Town officials noted that Mayor Berry and Mayor Pro tem Lewis Berry have voluntarily assumed the clerical duties in the absence of a clerk. Town attorney Chris Dube had advised that these officials could be paid a stipend for time expended executing these duties. Motion made by Amy Wallace, second by Mike Neal, to pay Mayor Gail Berry a stipend of \$350.00 per week until a clerk is hired (Mayor pro tem Berry declined any compensation). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Amy Wallace made the motion to adjourn, second by Mike Neal. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Gail Berry, Mayor