



WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION CEREMONY

October 13, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
Whitehouse City Council Chambers
311 East Main Street
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

AND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
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Whitehouse police department promotion ceremony:

Members of the Whitehouse City Council may be attending the Whitehouse Police Department promotion ceremony resulting in a quorum. Members of the City Council may participate in the gathering but no official action by the Whitehouse City Council will be taken at this time.

City council meeting agenda:

Members of the public may address the Council regarding any posted agenda item by filling out a speakers' card prior to the item being called. These presentations shall be limited to three minutes. The Mayor, at his discretion, may reasonably extend the time limit.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

06:03:04 PM (00:00:09)

Mayor - Charles Parker: Present

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Present

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Present

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Present

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Present

Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Present

A quorum was present.

B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker

06:03:24 PM (00:00:29)

Mayor Parker gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG. *"Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible"*

[06:04:05 PM \(00:01:10\)](#)

Mayor Parker led the Pledges.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation honoring Dale E. Moran

[06:04:43 PM \(00:01:47\)](#)

Mayor Parker read a proclamation in honor of Dale E. Moran.

Nathaniel Moran addressed the Council thanking them for honoring his father.

E. COMMUNITY INTEREST

This section of the agenda shall allow any member of the City Council, the Mayor, or the City Manager the opportunity to discuss minor, non-action items such as recognitions, scheduling, and upcoming civic events that are not listed on this agenda and which require no action by the Council.

[06:08:53 PM \(00:05:58\)](#)

1. Mayor Parker reception – October 27th
2. Keep Whitehouse Beautiful is conducting the Fall Sweep in the month of October
3. Jasper Venture Tax Abatement will continue
4. An executive summary has been drafted for the Economic Development Planning Grant

F. PUBLIC FORUM

Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the Public Forum section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Criticism of city employees or staff is prohibited. Those wishing to address the Council regarding an item not on the agenda must be a citizen, property owner or business owner of Whitehouse. Comments on such non-agenda items shall be limited to three minutes. The Council will not comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may refer the item to city staff for research, resolution or referral of the matter to the Council as a future agenda item.

[06:10:41 PM \(00:07:45\)](#)

No one signed in to speak.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmative majority vote, items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

1. Withdraw items from the Consent Agenda
Any Council member may request the removal of any item from the Consent Agenda, in which case the item shall be discussed and voted upon separately.
2. Approval of minutes of the City Council meeting on September 22, 2020  [Z](#)
3. Ordinance 20-1013-01 Redesignation of Official Newspaper  [Z](#)
4. Resolution #R20-1013-01 Investment Policy  [Z](#)
5. Discuss and declare surplus property  [Z](#)

[06:10:46 PM \(00:07:51\)](#)

[Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve the consent agenda as it stands.](#)

[Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: 2nd the motion](#)

[Mayor - Charles Parker: N/A](#)

[Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve](#)

[Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve](#)

[Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve](#)

[Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve](#)

[Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve](#)

Motion approved

H. OTHER ACTION ITEMS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Hear and discuss proposed Eagle Scout Project of Lance Deal  [Z](#)

[06:11:18 PM \(00:08:23\)](#)

Lance Deal addressed the Council about his project to repair and fix the small pavilion and a small flower bed at the Whitehouse Community Library. He would like to embed the Whitehouse logo into the new concrete.

Council gave direction to move forward with the project.

2. ~~Discuss and provide staff direction on ordinances relating to the outdoor sale, display or storage of goods and merchandise~~ Possible discussion at a later meeting
3. Discuss and consider a proposal to reduce the fee for use of the community garden beds

[06:15:38 PM \(00:12:43\)](#)

Leslie Black updated the Council about the gardens and believes the fee is a bit high; \$25 is suggested for the fee. Council discussed a fee or no fee. Additional communication about the garden will be pushed out in the Spring. Council directs that the fee will be reduced to \$0

4. Staff to provide update on status of Strategic Plan  [Z](#)

[06:20:45 PM \(00:17:50\)](#)

Mrs. Black updated the Council on the plan; this plan lays out the work for the year.

5. COVID-19 update

[06:54:46 PM \(00:51:50\)](#)

Mrs. Black updated the Council on the activities that have done. We have submitted our information and reports to TEDEM for the reimbursement of the COVID expenses.

6. Consider future agenda items

[07:00:03 PM \(00:57:08\)](#)

Nothing at this time.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting. The City Council may convene into Executive Session to discuss any or all of the following topics: Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071; Possible, purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate pursuant to Section 551.072; Personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074; Economic development negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087

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J. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ITEMS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

K. ADJOURN

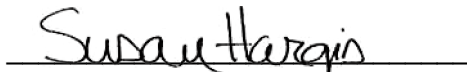
[07:00:28 PM \(00:57:33\)](#)

Meeting adjourned.



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary