



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Whitehouse City Council Chambers
311 East Main Street
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

and

Outgoing Mayor Reception

October 27, 2020 – Immediately Following Council Meeting
Oak Crossing Event Center – Jasper Ventured
101 Glenda
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

Council Meeting:

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

[06:00:21 PM \(00:01:07\)](#)

[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

[06:00:44 PM \(00:01:30\)](#)

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”

[06:01:09 PM \(00:01:55\)](#)

Mayor Parker led the Pledges.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1.

[06:01:42 PM \(00:02:28\)](#)

No presentations.

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.

[06:01:46 PM \(00:02:33\)](#)

1. Mayor reception
2. Peanut Butter and Jelly drive – Project Joy
3. Christmas Festivities will be on December 5

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.

[06:02:34 PM \(00:03:20\)](#)

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 October 13, 2020  Z

[06:02:42 PM \(00:03:28\)](#)

[Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to approve the consent agenda](#)

[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. Discuss, consider and take action to extend the beaver abatement contract  [Z](#)
[06:03:08 PM \(00:03:55\)](#)

Susan Hargis updated the Council on the past contracts and Staff recommends approval of the five-year contract.

[Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to extend the beaver abatement contract in the amount of \\$5000 for one year.](#)

[Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: 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

2. Discuss, consider and take action on the guiding principles for Council conduct  [Z](#)
[06:06:23 PM \(00:07:10\)](#)

Mayor Parker shared five habits of highly effective Council members. Council and Staff discussed how these can be used.

3. COVID-19 update
 - a. Extend Disaster Declaration  [Z](#)

[06:15:26 PM \(00:16:12\)](#)

Leslie Black updated the Council on this item.

[Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to extend the Disaster Declaration](#)

[Council Place 1 - James Wansley: 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

4. Consider future agenda items
[06:17:10 PM \(00:17:56\)](#)
 1. Guiding Principles – Council Conduct

I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Receive reports from Staff  [Z](#)  [Z](#)
[06:18:42 PM \(00:19:28\)](#)

Reports are in the packet; Staff was available for questions.

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

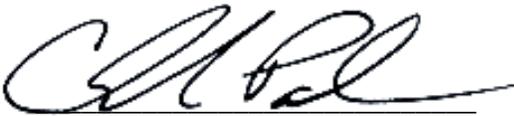
L. ADJOURN

[06:21:16 PM \(00:22:02\)](#)

Meeting adjourned

Outgoing Mayor Reception:

Members of the Whitehouse City Council may be attending the Mayor's reception 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.



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary