



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Whitehouse City Council Chambers
311 East Main Street
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

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

[06:00:22 PM \(00:01:01\)](#)

[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 Pro Tem Wansley

[06:00:42 PM \(00:01:20\)](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Wansley 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”

[06:01:10 PM \(00:01:49\)](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Wansley led the Pledges.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. New Officer Introduction of Rene Guinn – Police Department

[06:01:43 PM \(00:02:22\)](#)

Captain Frank Brewer introduced the newest officer of the Police Department – Rene Guinn.

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.

[06:03:38 PM \(00:04:17\)](#)

1. Keep Whitehouse beautiful will be recognized at the football game Friday night.
2. Christmas Festivities – December 5th
3. Veteran’s Day – city offices closed
5. Project Joy – Spread the Love – December 10th

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.

[06:07:30 PM \(00:08:09\)](#)

No one spoke at this time.

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 27, 2020 🗨️🔗
3. Approve 2020 Tax Roll – credited and adjusted 2020 values 🗨️🔗

[06:07:38 PM \(00:08:17\)](#)

[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. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance 20-1110-01 Juvenile Curfew – Public Hearing and Approval/Denial  [Z](#)

[06:08:04 PM \(00:08:42\)](#)

[06:08:18 PM \(00:08:57\)](#) Mayor Parker closed the regular meeting and moved into the public hearing.

No one spoke for or against.

[06:08:36 PM \(00:09:15\)](#) Mayor Parker closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

[06:08:51 PM \(00:09:29\)](#)

Captain Brewer addressed the Council explaining this item.

[Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to approved Ordinance 20-1110-01- Juvenile Curfew](#)

[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

2. Discuss, consider and act on Ordinance 20-1110-02 amending an ordinance regarding Mobile Food Units Regulations  [Z](#)

[06:10:22 PM \(00:11:01\)](#)

City Secretary Susan Hargis addressed the Council explaining the item.

[Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve Ordinance 20-1110-02](#)

[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

3. Discuss, consider and act on the process and application for filling a Council seat vacancy  [Z](#)

[06:13:47 PM \(00:14:25\)](#)

City Manager Leslie Black addressed the Council explaining this item. Council discussed the application and the process.

Mayor Elect Wansley explained the schedule: approval of applicant on December 8 and swear in January at the first meeting.

Close applicant window Friday before Council on the 8th.

4. Discuss, consider and act on the guiding principles for Council conduct  [Z](#)

[06:17:24 PM \(00:18:03\)](#)

City Manager Black updated the Council and this item was back at Council request for consideration.

Council discussed and gave direction to Staff regarding some changes to the document.

5. Discuss, consider and act on Resolution R20-1110-01 amending the Personnel Policy related to meal reimbursement for employee travel  [Z](#)

[06:30:16 PM \(00:30:55\)](#)

City Manager Black addressed the Council explaining this minor change to the Personnel Policy.

[Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve Resolution R20-1110-01](#)

[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

6. COVID-19 update

[06:34:20 PM \(00:34:58\)](#)

Mayor Pro Tem/Mayor Elect addressed the Council regarding information that was presented in a County update.

7. Consider future agenda items

[06:47:18 PM \(00:47:57\)](#)

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

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074, the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding the City Manager Employment Contract

[06:47:33 PM \(00:48:11\)](#) Mayor Parker closed the regular meeting and moved into executive session.

[07:30:56 PM \(00:48:20\)](#) Mayor Parker reconvened the regular meeting.

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

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074, the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding the City Manager Employment Contract

[Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to renew the City Manager's contract for five years starting December 1, 2020 with a 3% raise taking affect December 1, 2020. We are asking the City Manager to provide a 5-year plan for their professional management development to be delivered May 1, 2021.](#)

[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](#)

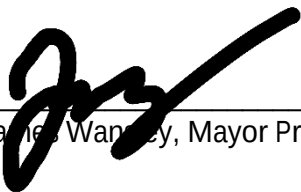
[Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve](#)

[Motion approved](#)

K. ADJOURN

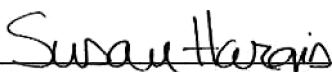
[07:32:15 PM \(00:49:39\)](#)

Meeting adjourned.



James Wansley, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary