



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2020 a.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

06:00:02 PM (00:00:38)

Mayor - Charles Parker: Present
Place 1 - James Wansley: Present
Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Present
Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Present
Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Absent
Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Present
A quorum was present.

B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker

06:00:44 PM (00:01:20)

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”*

06:01:06 PM (00:01:42)

Mayor Parker led the pledges.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Recognitions

06:01:41 PM (00:02:17)

Leslie Black presented an award to Jennifer Lusk for her outstanding work as Interim City Manager and Paul Robeson presented an award to Frank Brewer for his outstanding work as Interim Police Chief.

E. 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 551.071, the Council will convene into Executive Session to receive legal advice from the City Attorney concerning the following item: Legal ability to regulate water wells

06:05:05 PM (00:05:41) Mayor Parker closed the regular meeting and went into executive session.

07:34:38 PM (00:06:10) Mayor Parker reconvened the regular meeting.

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

1. Discuss, consider, and act upon an application for Hamilton Park water well

07:34:48 PM (00:06:20)

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Motion to deny the application for Hamilton Park water well

Place 1 - James Wansley: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Absent

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion to deny is approved.

2. Discuss, consider, and act upon Ordinance #20-0114-01 Water Wells

07:36:14 PM (00:07:46)

Council wishes to table until next the next meeting.

07:34:42 PM (00:06:14)

G. 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.

07:38:47 PM (00:10:19)

1. Black Hawk Creek has had some work done on it by volunteers; a 30-foot raised bridge has been completed with donations and volunteer time.

2. Possible Patrick Mahomes event.

H. 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.

07:45:17 PM (00:16:49)

Michael Lowe, 103 Memory Lane addressed the Council several items.

I. 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 December 10, 2019.  

07:49:19 PM (00:20:51)

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve the consent agenda

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Absent

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

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

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Room Project

- a. Discuss, consider, and act upon awarding a contract for blower room improvements in an amount not to exceed \$413,938.  

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution #R20-0114-01 directing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation; and resolving other matter relating to the subject.  

07:49:47 PM (00:21:20)

Staff recommends a 15 year Certificates of Obligation to be issued. This will be paid from the Utility Fund.

Paul Jasin, Specialized Public Finance, addressed the Council about the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation.

Clark Kimball, Bond Counsel, was also present for questions.

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve Resolution # R20-0114-01

Place 1 - James Wansley: 2nd the motion.

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Absent

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

Tiffany Currie, Adams Engineering, addressed the Council concerning the blower room contract and the reasons the cost estimate was so off.

Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to approve the bid for the contract for the blower room improvements to Capps Capco Construction under the consideration that the City Manager and Adams Engineering are able to negotiate the ongoing costs of the project.

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Absent

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

2. 2019 Drainage System Improvements – Corey Storm Drain Replacement & Various Culvert Improvements Project

- a. Discuss, consider, and act upon awarding a contract for 2019 Drainage System Improvements – Corey Storm Drain Replacement & Various Culvert Improvements.

08:23:48 PM (00:55:21)

08:24:07 PM (00:55:39) Mayor Parker called a five-minute recess

08:28:27 PM (00:55:49) Mayor Parker reconvened the meeting.

This is a budgeted item and these improvements will be funded out of the 2018 CO issue for storm water improvements.

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve the bid from Capps Capco Construction for \$342,891 in regards to the Corey Storm Drain

Replacement and Various Culvert Improvement with the caveat of City Staff negotiating the possible cost savings

Place 1 - James Wansley: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Absent

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

3. Discuss, consider, and act upon establishing benchmark cities.

08:38:53 PM (01:06:15)

Council discussed and approved the recommended cities; Palestine was dropped from the list and Bullard was added.

4. Consider Future Agenda Meeting Dates and Items

08:44:04 PM (01:11:26)

Vision Plan and Management Plan review

Hagan Road drainage and expansion

Patrick Mahomes event

Budget discussion

K. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Receive reports from Staff

L. ADJOURN

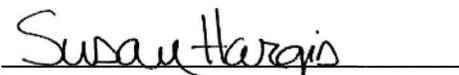
08:48:07 PM (01:15:29)

Meeting adjourned



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary