



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Whitehouse City Council Chambers
311 East Main Street
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

05:59:19 PM (00:00:13)

Mayor - Parker Charles: Present
Council Member - Wansley James: Present
Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: Present
Council Member - Hickey Paul: Present
Council Member - Stroud Millette: Absent
Council Member - Jackson Dick: Present

A quorum was present.

B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker

05:59:55 PM (00:00:49)

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”*

06:00:51 PM (00:01:45)

D. PRESENTATIONS

06:00:57 PM (00:01:51)

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.

06:01:01 PM (00:01:55)

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.

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

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 March 24, 2020.

06:01:13 PM (00:02:07)

Council Member - Jackson Dick: Motion to approve the consent agenda

Council Member - Wansley James: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Parker Charles: N\A

Council Member - Wansley James: Approve

Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: Approve

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Approve

Council Member - Stroud Millette: Absent

Council Member - Jackson Dick: Approve

Motion approved

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

1. Consider authorization of Brannon Corp to let for bid a drainage project on Hagan Rd at Sunny Meadows subdivision  

06:01:42 PM (00:02:36)

Leslie Black explained this item; this is needed to help with drainage and with the work being done at Sunny Meadows the timing is good to do this work. Council asked questions and Bob Breedlove, Brannon Corp, answered those questions. Funds are available from the Storm Water Fund.

Council Member - Wansley James: Motion to approve the authorization of the Brannon Corp let for bid a drainage project on Hagan Rd at Sunny Meadows subdivision

Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Parker Charles: N\A

Council Member - Wansley James: Approve

Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: Approve

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Approve

Council Member - Stroud Millette: Absent

Council Member - Jackson Dick: Approve

Motion approved

2. Consider and approve Ordinance – Franchise Agreement with Centerpoint Energy

06:16:33 PM (00:17:27)

Forestdale Subdivision has reached an agreement with Centerpoint for gas utility; this is a new franchise agreement.

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Motion to approve the ordinance for a franchise agreement with Centerpoint

Council Member - Wansley James: 2nd

Mayor - Parker Charles: N\A

Council Member - Wansley James: Approve

Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: Approve

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Approve

Council Member - Stroud Millette: Absent

Council Member - Jackson Dick: Approve

Motion approved

3. COVID-19 update
 - a. Consider amending Disaster Declaration
 - b. Property tax and budget implications discussion

06:21:37 PM (00:22:31)

Mayor and Staff have been participating in meetings to discuss the issues; discussions are turning to the best way to re-open the communities. The City received a generous donation of PPE gear. The disaster declaration

included in the packet would extend the declaration for an undetermined amount of time.

Council Member - Wansley James: Motion to amend the Disaster Declaration Section 3 to read the City Council of Whitehouse hereby ratifies and extends the declaration of disaster for an indefinite period or until such time as it is canceled by the City Council

Council Member - Jackson Dick: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Parker Charles: N\A

Council Member - Wansley James: Approve

Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: Approve

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Approve

Council Member - Stroud Millette: Absent

Council Member - Jackson Dick: Approve

Motion approved

Mrs. Black updated the Council about the provision in S.B. 2 concerning property taxes and the implications made because of the disaster declaration.

4. Consider Future Agenda Items

06:38:24 PM (00:39:18)

Centerpoint Franchise Ordinance

Water discussion concerning late fees and disconnect fees and the actual cost of that

Rezone – Mockingbird Place

ROW permit and regulation ordinance

ONCOR rate case

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

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

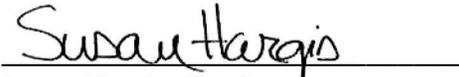
K. ADJOURN

06:41:45 PM (00:42:39)

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Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Hargis', written over a horizontal line.

Susan Hargis, City Secretary