



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Whitehouse City Council Chambers
311 East Main Street
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

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06:00:48 PM (00:02:09)

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker

06:03:32 PM (00:04:53)

Mayor Parker gave the invocation.

C. PRESENTATIONS

06:04:18 PM (00:05:39)

No presentations

D. 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.

06:04:26 PM (00:05:47)

Recycling & bulk will resume next week

E. 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.

06:05:17 PM (00:06:38)

No one spoke at this time.

F. 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 April 14, 2020

3. Quarterly Investment Report

06:05:56 PM (00:07:17)

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: Approve

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

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

1. Rezone of Mockingbird Place Subdivision – (off Hagan Rd) from Residential Low Density (R-L) to Residential Low Density Planned Development (R-L PD), a 60.200 +/- acre subdivision located off Hagan Rd. in the Elizabeth Brown Survey, A0087, to include Tract One, Lots 2A and 3A; Tract Two, Lots 4,5,6, 7,8, 9, 10, 11,72, 73, 74, 75, 76,77,83, 84,85, 86, 87,88, 89, 90, 91,92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122; Tract Three, Lots 78-A, 79-A, 80-A, 81-A and 82-A; and Tract Four. – Public Hearing and Approval/Denial

06:06:37 PM (00:07:58)

06:08:07 PM (00:09:28) Mayor Parker closed the regular meeting and the public hearing

06:08:32 PM (00:09:53) Mayor Parker closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting

06:08:38 PM (00:09:59)

Leslie Black explained the request as it was explained to the City – reduction in the side yard setbacks and in return they guarantee at least a 2000 square foot home and to comply with all masonry standards. Council asked questions and the developer addressed those. Rear setback reductions were revealed during this discussion that were previously not discussed.

Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to send approval for this rezoning to Planned Development to the City Staff for consideration and negotiation on the setbacks that were a topic of discussion; to come back the Council at a future date

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: Approve

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

2. Consider and approve Ordinance #20-0428-01 – Denial of Oncor Rate Case

06:54:12 PM (00:55:33)

Denying this will send this to the Railroad Commission for discussion and action.

Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to approve Ordinance 20-0428-01 denial of Oncor Rate Case

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: Approve
Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve
Motion approve

3. Consider and approve Ordinance #20-0414-01– Franchise Agreement with Centerpoint Energy

06:55:42 PM (00:57:03)

This is the second reading.

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve Ordinance 20-0414-01 Franchise Agreement with CenterPoint Energy

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: Approve

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Approve

Motion approved

4. COVID-19 update

06:57:18 PM (00:58:39)

Leslie Black explained the possibility of reopening and ramping back up of City operations.

5. Consider Future Agenda Items

07:18:47 PM (01:20:08)

Rezoning

Vehicle / Equipment needs update

Code Enforcement / Inspections / Animal Control needs

H. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Receive reports from Staff

07:25:21 PM (01:26:42)

Reports were in the packet and Staff took questions.

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

1.

K. ADJOURN

07:33:35 PM (01:34:56)

Meeting adjourned. At 7.33 p.m.

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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