



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 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

06:01:34 PM (00:01:39)

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

06:02:11 PM (00:02:15)

Mayor Parker gave the invocation.

C. PRESENTATIONS

06:03:49 PM (00:03:53)

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.

06:03:59 PM (00:04:04)

Nothing at this time.

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.

06:04:18 PM (00:04:23)

No one signed in to speak.

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 March 24, 2020.

06:04:27 PM (00:04:32)

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Motion to approve the consent agenda

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: 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  

06:05:08 PM (00:05:13)

Questions asked of the developer but they have not been answered; item tabled.

2. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget discussion 

06:05:36 PM (00:05:40)

Leslie Black explained the work that has already began and presented information about this year as well as projected information for next budget year. The 2020-2021 wish list was discussed.

a. Budget calendar

There will be webinar with TML on May 28th that will help clarify what the new rules are and will help flesh out the budget calendar.

b. Vehicle/Equipment needs

06:28:00 PM (00:28:04)

Fleet is about 11.5 years old. Staff is still looking at possible leasing options.

c. Staffing needs including Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Building Inspections

06:39:03 PM (00:39:08)

This is something Mrs. Black is discussing with two other cities for a plan to share this employee.

3. COVID-19 update

07:02:04 PM (01:02:09)

a. Consider amending Disaster Declaration 

Mrs. Black explained the new declaration; this is still for an indefinite time frame.

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to extend the declaration for thirty days

Place 4 - Millette Stroud: 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

The City may be eligible for additional funding through the CARES Act; a meeting will be set up with the agency overseeing this to discuss.

b. Effect of COVID-19 on water revenues

We have waived over \$17,000 in fees.

Discussion about possible reopening the parks and ball fields.

4. Consider Future Agenda Items

07:14:53 PM (01:14:58)

Quarterly evaluation of City Manager (if meeting can be face to face)

H. 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

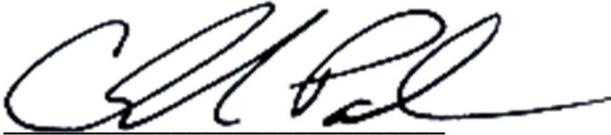
I. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ITEMS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

1.

J. ADJOURN

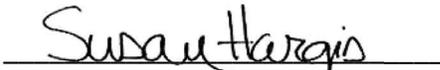
07:19:34 PM (01:19:39)

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary