



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 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**

06:00:00 PM (00:00:46)

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**

06:00:24 PM (00:01:11)

Pastor Jerry Payne of Crossroads Church 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”*

06:01:17 PM (00:02:04)

Mayor Parker led the Pledges.

### **D. PRESENTATIONS**

06:01:54 PM (00:02:40)

No presentations.

### **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.*

06:02:00 PM (00:02:46)

1. The Police Department was notified of approval for two grants.

#### **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.*

06:02:46 PM (00:03:32)

1. Michael Duggar, 209 Leslie Dr. addressed the Council about a property in his neighborhood.  
Leslie Black read a prepared letter from Mr. Duggar into the record.

#### **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 May 26, 2020.  

06:07:57 PM (00:08:43)

Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Place 5 - Dick Jackson: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

1. The REC Quarterly Report

06:08:25 PM (00:09:11)

Anthony Johnson, The REC, addressed the Council regarding how operations are going since opening back up from the pandemic and general questions regarding the quarterly report.

Jerry Payne, Crossroads Church, addressed questions from the Council regarding the quarterly report.

2. Discuss and Declare Surplus Property

06:25:25 PM (00:26:11)

Chief Paul Roberson addressed the Council about surplus property.

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to authorizing the City Manager or her designee to dispose of the property (surplus property) through sale, trade, donation or disposal of said property

Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

3. COVID-19 update

a. Consider amending Disaster Declaration

06:31:02 PM (00:31:48)

This is to be renewed to keep us eligible for funding.

Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to extend the disaster declaration for another 30 days.

Place 5 - Dick Jackson: 2<sup>nd</sup>

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. Discuss and Consider Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Rate

a. Possible Grants

06:33:19 PM (00:34:05)

Mrs. Black presented the presentation on the proposed budget and proposed tax rate.

Justin Brown, 15564 CR 192, Tyler TX 75703 addressed the Council about Black Hawk Creek Hike & Bike Trail.

5. Consider Future Agenda Items

07:11:33 PM (01:12:19)

Street Lighting

**J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

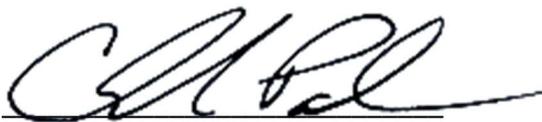
*Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting. The City Council may convene into Executive Session to discuss any or all of the following topics: Pending or contemplated 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*

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

**L. ADJOURN**

07:15:55 PM (01:16:41)

Meeting adjourned



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary