



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 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

06:01:12 PM (00:01:55)

Mayor - Parker Charles: Present
Council Member - Wansley James: Present
Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: Absent
Council Member - Hickey Paul: Present
Council Member - Stroud Millette: Absent
Council Member - Jackson Dick: Present
A quorum was present.

B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker

06:01:46 PM (00:02:29)

Mayor Parker gave the invocation.

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Republic Services – Gene Keenon

06:02:32 PM (00:03:15)

Gene Keenon and Zack Briscoe with Republic Services presented a \$500 check to the Fire Department for unbudgeted items.

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.

06:04:48 PM (00:05:31)

The new Jasper Ventures Beyond Business Event Center is completed and very nice; will seat 330.

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.

06:06:24 PM (00:07:07)

Michael Lowe, 103 Memory Lane addressed the Council regarding requiring WISD high school students to attend one Council meeting, trash ordinance, code enforcement, Suddenlink, publishing more City information on Facebook, and to thank all volunteers publicly.

06:08:26 PM (00:09:09) Ginger Cardwell joined the meeting.

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 June 23, 2020

3. Amend Surplus Property to Include Additional PD Cars

06:10:49 PM (00:11:32)

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Motion to approve the consent agenda
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

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

1. Annexation of a 0.511 acre tract or parcel of land situated in the Manuel Gutteriez Survey, Abstract A0364, Smith County, Texas, as described in a WD 13330 dated April 24, 2020; located at 17531Maji, Whitehouse TX. – Public Hearing and Approval or Denial

06:11:38 PM (00:12:21)

06:12:11 PM (00:12:54) Mayor Parker closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing.

No one spoke

06:12:50 PM (00:13:33) Mayor Parked closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Motion to approve the annexation of the aforementioned tract and parcel
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

2. Discuss, consider, and act upon authorizing the City Manager to engage the services of Capco Engineering to design, bid, and manage a stormwater project located within the Royal Park subdivision

06:14:33 PM (00:15:16)

Leslie Black explained the item and the steps that have been taken thus far. Staff recommends a full reconstruction and to fund this from the 2018 Stormwater C.O. funds.

06:25:59 PM (00:26:42)

Maegan Schneider, 406 Prince Charles addressed the Council concerning her property, the design of the project and access of her property

06:31:17 PM (00:32:00)

Steve King, 404 Prince Charles addressed the Council agreeing with Mrs. Schneider and stressing that this is a hazard.

Action tonight is just to let the project for bid. This would have to come back before Council after that.

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Motion for City Staff to work with Capco Engineering for a reconstruction estimate for the stormwater and runoff at 404 & 406 Prince Charles

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. Approval of Ordinance 20-0728-01 – Calling and Ordering the Election of Mayor, Council Place 2 and Council Place 4

Susan Hargis explained the item and the changes made because of the Governor's order to extend early voting.

Council Member - Wansley James: Motion

Council Member - Hickey Paul: 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

4. COVID-19 update

06:40:33 PM (00:41:16)

Mrs. Black gave an in-depth update.

- a. Consider Extending Disaster Declaration

Council Member - Wansley James: Motion to extend the disaster declaration

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

b. Related Expenses and Coronavirus Relief Funds

c. Connectivity Partnership with Whitehouse ISD

5. Discuss and consider Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Rate

06:50:50 PM (00:51:33)

Mrs. Black explained the item, the need for the resolution and updated Council on the budget and any changes made since last meeting.

a. Approval of Resolution R20-0728-01 – Designating Employee Responsible for Calculation on No New Revenue Tax Rate

Council Member - Hickey Paul: Motion to adopt Resolution R20-0728-01

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

6. Street Lights

07:08:20 PM (01:09:03)

Paul Hickey explained the item and the need for lighting in our subdivisions.

Council would like Staff to research this.

7. Consider Future Agenda Items

07:18:57 PM (01:19:40)

H. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Receive reports from Staff

07:19:47 PM (01:20:30)

Reports were included in the packet and Staff was available for 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

1.

07:23:39 PM (01:24:22)

Nothing at this time.

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

K. ADJOURN

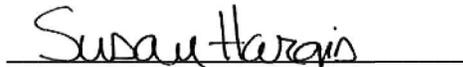
07:23:49 PM (01:24:32)

Meeting adjourned.

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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