



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 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

06:00:42 PM (00:00:07)

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. OTHER ACTION ITEMS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution # R20-0811-01 – Approval of Transfer of Ownership of K-9 Fido from Whitehouse PD to Smith County Pct. 5 Constable Office

06:01:08 PM (00:00:33)

Chief Paul Robeson explained the item and the partnership with the County.  
Council Member - Cardwell Ginger: Motion to approve Resolution R20-0811-01 approval of ownership of K-9 Fido from Whitehouse PD to Smith County Pct. 5 Constable Office

Council Member - Wansley James: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Set proposed 2020/2021 tax rate, take a record vote and setting of the public hearing date

06:08:06 PM (00:07:31)

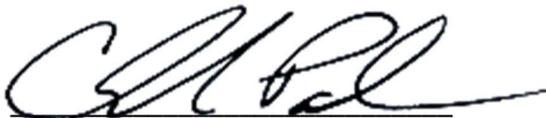
The public hearing will be August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Leslie Black updated the Council on the changes State legislation has mandated about the tax rate and how the proposed tax rate will affect our residents and the City budget. Council Member - Wansley James: Motion to propose a property tax rate of \$0.729891 which is effectively a 4% increase in the tax rate and set a public hearing for the proposed tax rate for 6:00 p.m. on August the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member - Hickey Paul: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### C. ADJOURN

06:21:19 PM (00:20:44)

Meeting adjourned.



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary