



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 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

06:00:23 PM (00:00:53)

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

B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker

06:00:45 PM (00:01:14)

Michael Lowe 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”*

06:01:25 PM (00:01:54)

Mayor Parker led the Pledges.

D. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations

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

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.

06:02:23 PM (00:02:52)

1. Reception for Mayor Parker – October 27
2. PD promotions – October 13

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.

06:03:19 PM (00:03:48)

No one spoke at this time.

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 September 8, 2020.
3. Quarterly Investment Report

06:03:28 PM (00:03:57)

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve

Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Absent

Motion approved

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

1. Discussion and approval of a contract amendment with Republic Services to change recycling from weekly pickup to twice monthly pickup

06:03:59 PM (00:04:28)

Leslie Black explained the item and the history of this. This will keep the price the same but reduce the service slightly. Recycling will be first and third Wednesday of the month. Gene Keenon reported that if approved Republic will personally deliver a notice at each recycling customer letting them know the changes. Republic will give those who are heavy recyclers an extra cart at no charge.

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approve the contract amendment with Republic Services.

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve

Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Absent

Motion approved

2. Discussion and approval of Ordinance 20-0922-01 - FY 2019/2020 Budget Amendments

06:08:19 PM (00:08:48)

Jennifer Lusk explained the item: Mrs. Black gave additional information on the water well pump items. This pump may have been struck by lightning and we are pursuing that with our insurance carrier. Mrs. Black also commended Staff for their work on keeping to their budget this fiscal year.

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to approved Ordinance 20-0922-01 Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Amendments

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve

Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Absent

Motion approved

3. Discussion and approval of the payoff of two Public Works vehicles

06:15:13 PM (00:15:42)

Mrs. Lusk explained the item; Staff recommends selling this vehicles this year. Enterprise will dispose of the vehicles and then the City will receive the sale funds.

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Motion to approve the payoff of the two Public Works vehicles in the 2020 fiscal year

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve
Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve
Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve
Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Absent
Motion approved

4. Discussion and approval of a Depository Contract extension

06:16:56 PM (00:17:26)

Mrs. Lusk explained the item; Staff recommends the two-year extension with Austin Bank.

Millette Stroud abstained from the discussion and voting

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Motion to approve the two-year extension with Austin Bank Depository Agreement

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Abstain

Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Absent

Motion approved

5. COVID-19 update

a. Extend the Disaster Declaration

06:18:09 PM (00:18:38)

Mrs. Black updated the Council and explained the Disaster Declaration extension is needed.

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Motion to extend the Disaster Declaration

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: 2nd the motion

Mayor - Charles Parker: N\A

Council Place 1 - James Wansley: Approve

Council Place 2 - Ginger Cardwell: Approve

Council Place 3 - Paul Hickey: Approve

Council Place 4 - Millette Stroud: Approve

Council Place 5 - Dick Jackson: Absent

Motion approved

6. Consider future agenda items

06:24:13 PM (00:24:42)

1. Parks and Rec 501c3 and Smith County possibly helping with signage

I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Receive reports from Staff

06:25:49 PM (00:26:18)

Reports are in the packet; Staff is available for questions.

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

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074, the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding the recurring quarterly review of the City Manger

06:30:02 PM (00:30:28) Mayor Parker closed the regular meeting and moved into executive session.

07:40:55 PM (00:30:38) Mayor Parker reconvened the regular meeting.

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

1. Recurring quarterly review of the City Manager

07:41:00 PM (00:30:44)

No action taken.

L. ADJOURN

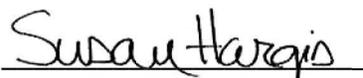
07:41:16 PM (00:31:00)

Meeting adjourned



Charles Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary