



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.  
Whitehouse City Hall Council Chambers  
311 East Main  
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

*Citizens 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.*

6:00:33 PM

### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

6:01:19 PM

Present: Pat Powell, David Roquemore, Paul Hickey and Nick Moss.

Absent: Dick Jackson.

A quorum was present.

### **B. PRAYER – Mayor Parker**

Mayor Parker 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"*

Mayor Parker led the pledges.

### **D. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Republic Services

6:03:16 PM

Gene Keenon with Republic Services presented \$500 to the Fire Department.

### **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.*

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6:05:00 PM

A community calendar will be kept to help avoid conflicts in town. Aaron Smith also suggested a City Facebook page that would be a non-comment page.

### **F. PUBLIC FORUM**

*Citizens have an opportunity to address the City Council, which has no obligation to respond in any manner to comments or questions asked of them by the speaker. Any response by a member of the City Council is limited by Texas Law to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future City Council meeting.*

No one spoke.

#### **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. Minutes of City Council meetings on May 24, 2016 and June 7, 2016

Pat Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Paul Hickey seconded the motion.

6:09:28 PM

Ayes: Pat Powell, David Roquemore, Paul Hickey and Nick Moss

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED.

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

1. 101 Hummingbird; Variance Request – Public Hearing and Approval/Denial

Mr. Smith explained this is actually a non-action item as the variance for the fence meets the ordinance.

2. Storm water and infrastructure fee discussion

6:11:29 PM

Mr. Smith explained the fee for street maintenance and asked if the Council would like to include Storm water maintenance as well. Previous dollars could be used to address storm water if the current ordinance revised.

Mayor Parker explained the reasoning behind the passage of the street maintenance fee. He suggests a possible issuance of a Certificate of Obligation to finance the improvements. Council is concerned about spending so much in engineering fees but instead use any money for the study put it into helping keep drainage cleared and keeping illegal dumping into drainage areas from occurring. Fire Chief Madison Johnson gave an update on the FEMA disaster declaration.

3. Lake Columbia

6:56:51 PM

Mayor Parker gave a brief history of the project. Lake Columbia ANRA now wants to spend \$77,000 for a lobbying firm to protest the permit denial. If the permit is denied by the Army Corp of Engineers this project does not meet the needs or necessity portion of the requirements. If the permit is granted we would have to sell our interest.

Mayor Parker has considered writing letters to our representatives asking that this project be denied. Mr. Smith believes they have had a reasonable amount of time to deliver a lake and it has not happened and the 404 permit is now denied. Council directs Staff to formally object to spending any more money; have attorney to send letter to ANRA to object formally. If the attorney believes there is a reason to meet then call a special meeting. Paul Hickey made a motion to send a letter to ANRA in regards to not proceeding any further with Lake Columbia in regards to the 404. Nick Moss seconded the motion.

7:17:19 PM

Ayes: Pat Powell, David Roquemore, Paul Hickey and Nick Moss

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. Animal Control Ordinance

7:17:50 PM

Mr. Smith asked if there are specific animals that are in current ordinance that should be removed or have just standard household pets. Also, language is needed to restrict the total number of animals to four (4).

Council directs Staff to craft the ordinance revisions.

5. Sports Complex Tour and end of season carnival (if time permits)  
Not needed

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Receive reports from Staff

Reports were in the packet. Fire Chief Johnson made a special recognition for two firemen, Andy Parker and Jason Cottrell, for an exceptional job in taking care of a young man with a medical condition today that was noticed while on another call.

Staff took questions from Council.

3. Report of City Manager

Jennifer Lusk has been chosen as Financial Director. She will continue with HR duties as well.

**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 551.74; Economic development negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087*  
Not needed

**K. RECONVENE** into regular session and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.

**L. ADJOURN**

7:43:34 PM

Nick Moss made a motion to adjourn. David Roquemore seconded the motion.

7:43:49 PM

Ayes: Pat Powell, David Roquemore, Paul Hickey and Nick Moss

Noes: None

MOTION PASSED.

  
Charles Parker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Susan Hargis, Interim City Secretary