

Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall Annex  
May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth  
Maria Dickerson  
Charles Worthy  
Dwight Lane  
Tomekia Means  
Michael Thomas

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Anthony "Tony" Hill

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer; Dawn Mosley, CPW Clerk; Chief Michael Moss, Whitmire Police Department; Jay Gardner, Whitmire Recreation; Randy Levisy, Charlene Stroud, Donna Jamerson, Katie Worthy, Kenneth Whitener, Samantha Bloniarz, Palmetto Citizens Bank, Lori Gardner, Dorothy Crisp, Claude Worthy, and other concerned citizens.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Hollingsworth gave the call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilwoman Means gave the invocation to council.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes for April 13, 2026 and April 23, 2026 council meetings were read and approved. Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Thomas. All in favor.

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**RECREATION:**

Jay Gardner told council Baseball and Softball season ends tonight. T-Ball and Coaches Pitch ended Saturday. He said he had a dedicated group of coaches this year and would like to recognize them at the next council meeting. We are going into Summer now and had thought about a couple of camps. He said maybe basketball and volleyball during the summer. Recreation keeps kids off the streets. He said he would make a schedule for free play.

**KATIE WORTHY:**

Katie Worthy talked to council about the upcoming Party in the Pines. She said she had lots of vendors, food trucks, characters, pony rides, Gospel music on Thursday night, Cash Money on Friday and Saturday. She said she has 30 members now but, by the end of the festival she hopes to have 60.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The financial report for the Town of Whitmire for the month of April was as follows: The beginning balance for the Town of Whitmire was \$37,188.10 with deposits of \$198,713.16, expenditures of \$220,862.08, and an ending balance of \$15,039.18.

The Commission of Public Works for the month of April was as follows: The beginning balance for the Commission of Public Works was \$33.51 with deposits of \$136,945.87, expenditures of \$133,299.31, and an ending balance of \$3,680.07.

**POLICE REPORTS:**

Chief Moss gave the report for April. We had 57 incidents, 11 citations, 2 traffic accident, and 5 warrants served or withdrawn. Some of the calls included pointing and presenting a firearm, aggravated assault, larceny, vandalism of property, and driving under suspension.

Councilman Worthy asked if we had any night coverage to help keep down incidents like what happened last night.

Newberry County Sheriff's Department covers this area at night for us.

Councilman Lane told council that we need to do something about these kids riding those little scooters motorbikes or whatever they are all over town and on the Main Streets.

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#### **PALMETTO CITIZENS:**

Samantha Bloniarz, Assistant Branch Manager of Palmetto Citizens spoke to council on how things for the switch for the town is moving. She told everyone she needed a few more things from the town and we could get started. She needs a letter on town letterhead with all accounts, signers, and a copy of the minutes stating we were in agreement to change financial institutions.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL AGREEMENT:**

Mayor Hollingsworth assigned Councilwoman Means, Councilman Worthy, Carla Knotts, and one of our police officers to come up with some rules and regulations for the Community Center and fees if we want to change them.

#### **MAYOR PRESENTS:**

Mayor Hollingsworth gave all council members and two clerks a folder with budget information inside. It had a list of all workshops and copies of proposed budgets so far. There also were some water and sewer rate comparisons with other towns around us.

Mayor Hollingsworth set up a Beautification Committee. He asked Councilwoman Dickerson, Councilman Thomas, Li Rhonda Butler, and American Legion Auxiliary.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council they are scheduled to fix water leak on Church Street this week. He said they plan to take one day per week and patch potholes. CTC added \$20,000 to funds to patch potholes.

Charlene Stroud told council on May 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Memorial Day celebration at the Gazebo in the Cemetery. She said on June 13, 2026 we will have a Bike in the Pines. Registration us at 8:00 a.m. The fees are \$20.00 per rider and \$10 extra if someone rides on the back. It will be held at the end of Main Street. Then on July 4<sup>th</sup>, our 250<sup>th</sup> year celebration, we will have vendors, fireworks, and other activities to celebrate.

Mayor Hollingsworth asked if we should do a banner for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Council agreed and Mayor Hollingsworth put Councilman Thomas in charge of this.

**COUNCIL PRESENTS:**

Councilman Worthy asked if Lee Mckee owned the outside of the fenced in area of the mill pond. He said neighbors say snakes and varmints are coming out of there. Jay Gardner said he would check on it tomorrow.

Councilman Thomas said the fire hydrant on Church and hwy 121 has never been replaced.

Ms. Dorothy Crisp told everyone she was helping with the Auction. She said we need people to donate so they can show what is available to be auction off.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson. All in favor.

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor Billy Hollingsworth

**ATTEST:**

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Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer

