



COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth
Maria Dickerson
Anthony "Tony" Hill
Charles Worthy
Tomekia Means

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dwight Lane
Michael Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer; Michael Moss, Chief of Police; Jay Gardner, Recreation; Attorney Robert Lake, IV; Charlene Stroud, Randy Livesay, Ms. Jennie Yon, Chris Alexander, Dean Sanders, Wallace Hunter, and other concerned citizens.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Councilwoman Tomekia Means gave the invocation to council.

MINUTES:

Minutes for June 2, 2025 and June 9, 2025 were read and approved. Motion to approve made by Councilman Worthy and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson. All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial report for The Town of Whitmire for the month of June was as follows: The beginning balance for the Town of Whitmire was \$33,329.63 with deposits of \$164,676.33, expenditures of \$74,305.70, and ending balance of \$123,700.26. We took in more than we budgeted, but we spent more than we took in. We are in a loss on this side.

Commission of Public Works for the month of June had a beginning balance of \$480.24, deposits of \$105,741.55, and expenditures of \$105,590.97 with an ending balance of \$630.82. We came out ahead on CPW side this year. We took in \$1,034,726.77 and spent 971,692.30.

POLICE REPORTS:

Chief Moss gave the report for June. We had 39 incidents, 15 citations, 1 traffic accident, and 5 warrants served or withdrawn. Some of the calls were Assault and Battery, Vandalism, Simple possession, Domestic Disturbance, and etc.

JAY GARDNER WHITMIRE RECREATION:

Jay Gardner told everyone that Coach Campbell is doing a Football Camp at Legends Stadium this Saturday. He told them last year we didn't get to play tackle football because enough people didn't sign up to play. He said he would be at the camp to take preliminary applications. We may end up having to purchase some extra helmets which are \$165.00 each. He said he sent 32 to be reconditioned at \$50.00 each.

Registration for Soccer, Cheerleading, Flag Football, and etc. start in September. Right now, he is only focusing on tackle football. He said he would try to get some sponsors to help pay for the new helmets if we need to purchase them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter and a personnel matter made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Worthy. All in favor.

Out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session motion made by Councilman Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Means. All in favor.

FLAP GRANT:

Mayor Hollingsworth went over the FLAP Grant. He said we have until August 29, 2025 to get application in. He said we need to get some project to do. It has no match.

Councilman Hill said there are some trails blocked and want to get money to get some of them reopened.

THOMAS/HUTTON:

Mayor Hollingsworth told council the community center stands out most with him. He said we can use some in-kind work as part of the match. He said we can see what grants are available to help with the match. He said he would like to do a splash pad down there.

Councilwoman Means said we need a special meeting to talk about three top ideas from Thomas and Hutton.

JAYCEES - - KATIE WORTHY:

Katie told council they are planning on having the Party in the Pines Festival next year, as long as it is okay with council. She said they would like to use the same layout as the Fun Fest was this year. She also said they would like to use the stage at the park.

Council members all agreed this would be fine.

Mayor Hollingsworth said from the executive session they have been talking for a couple years about contracting our garbage out. He said we would pay \$15.00 per can for three years then it would go to \$16.50. It may have to be done by Ordinance and maybe a Public Hearing. Motion to move forward made by Councilman Worthy and seconded by Councilman Hill. 3 council members in favor and 1 not in favor. Mayor in favor.

Mayor Hollingsworth said the landlords for these rental houses need to be paying Business License Fees each year for their rental properties. He told Robert to check and see if we had or needed some kind of ordinance for this. Motion to impose a business license fee on landlords made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Hill. All in favor.

There will be a Small Business Summit in Columbia. All towns and cities are invited to participate on August 13, 2025. Registration is by August 1, 2025. It is free. It will be from 8 a.m. through 3:45 p.m. and will be held at the Metropolitan Convention Center. Councilman Hill, Councilman Worthy, and Councilwoman Means all said they were interested in going.

Chris Alexander said there are some limbs that need cutting at the cemetery.

Charlene Stroud told everyone the American Legion would be having a meeting at Good Grounds tomorrow night to see if there is interest in an auxiliary club to include mothers, fathers, children, grandchildren, and etc. of the veterans.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth

ATTEST:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer