

Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall Annex  
October 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth  
Maria Dickerson  
Anthony "Tony" Hill  
Charles Worthy  
Tomekia Means  
Dwight Lane  
Michael Thomas

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer; Dawn Mosley, CPW Clerk; Charles Shugart, Public Works and Streets Manager; Willie Claytor, Michael Moss, Chief of Police; Hal and Rita Bowles, Bernadine Edmonds, Charlene Stroud, Randy Livesay, Wallace Hunter, Claude Worthy, Donna Jamerson, Michael Plemmons, Dean Sanders, and other concerned citizens.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Councilwoman Dickerson gave the invocation to council.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were read and approved. Motion to approve made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Hill. All in favor.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The financial report for The Town of Whitmire for the month of September was as follows: The beginning balance for the Town of Whitmire was \$42,788.18 with deposits of \$75,604.00, expenditures of \$95,954.87, and ending balance of \$22,437.31.

Commission of Public Works for the month of September had a beginning balance of \$2,162.89, deposits of \$101,617.48, and expenditures of \$103,217.61 with an ending balance of \$562.76.

## **POLICE REPORTS:**

Chief Moss gave the report for September. We had 51 incidents, 6 citations, 1 traffic accident, and 6 warrants served or withdrawn. Some of the calls Rape, Domestic Violence HAN, Pointing and Presenting a Firearm, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Child Abuse, Assault and Battery 3<sup>rd</sup>, Larceny, Vandalism of Property, and etc. Chief Moss told council he knew the ticket count was low, but it was because investigations kept them busy.

Mayor Hollingsworth told Chief Moss, he wanted them to see if they could look at a way for them to work some split shifts.

## **PROPERTY VIOLATIONS - AMERICAN LEGION – CHARLENE STROUD:**

Ms. Bernadine Edmonds gave the property violations report. She has mailed 119 letters of which 40 were out of town owners. So far two tickets have been issued and one fine paid. 47 people have corrected the nuisance due to the letters being sent.

Councilman Worthy asked if we ever got an ordinance for landlords to be required to get a license.

## **RECREATION:**

Councilman Lane asked if Jay actually coached any teams. Mayor Hollingsworth told him he did. Councilman Hill told everyone Jay said he sometimes feels like he is running a daycare, because parents just drop off their kids and leave them out there and expect him to watch them. Mayor Hollingsworth told council we as a group need to look at the Recreation Program. Mayor Hollingsworth told council and everyone at the meeting that the Playground is closed for maintenance. We have some equipment we need to fix or get rid of and we need to put down some playground certified mulch.

**MAYOR PRESENTS:**

Mayor Hollingsworth told council the contract garbage will start on November 3, 2025. He said we are waiting on a letter to inform our customers. Our garbage truck is broken down now but the part should be here tomorrow.

Councilwoman Means asked if the cans with disabilities would be marked. Mayor Hollingsworth said they had it all on computer.

Mayor Hollingsworth said the gym is slated to be finished in late December.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council the paving should start at the end of this month.

Mayor Hollingsworth said he had the information from Robert Lake on the forms of government and how to change it. He said he would email all of them a copy.

Councilman Lane asked when are we going to talk about household stuff.

Mayor Hollingsworth and Dwight met with crew on truck last week about the new contract program. He said they had a good meeting.

**MR. CHARLES SHUGART/ PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS MANAGER/WATER DISTRIBUTION:**

Charles introduced himself and told council he had been in the water/sewer business for 52 years. He discussed some projects we are currently working on and about fixing some compliance issues we had. He also discussed some ways to fund projects. To see all he discussed see the attached list.

Mr. Shugart also told council he was trying to see about getting some used playground equipment that was only about 5 years old from down around Myrtle Beach. He said they are getting new stuff and taking this down. He also found a place to get the mulch a little cheaper.

Councilwoman Means asked Mr. Shugart what connection he had to the town. He answered by saying he was the Water Distribution Manager. She asked how long he had been employed by the Town. Charles told her since May. He said anytime you need anything or have questions to just call him. Mayor Hollingsworth told council he is licensed in both Water and Sewer. Mayor Hollingsworth gave Charles' number to everyone.

**COUNCIL PRESENTS:**

Councilman Thomas said Palmetto Citizens will be here on the 16<sup>th</sup> to answer questions, open new accounts, or anything else you may need from them. He said the bank should be finished by February 2026.

Councilwoman Means told council the fields for Recreation are in bad shape. She said she is concerned for the Softball team. They do not have a field of their own to play on.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council during the season the school maintains the fields and then on off season the Recreation Department does the maintenance.

Councilman Thomas said the fields are in bad shape.

Councilwoman Means said she knows Jay has his hands full, but she feels our children are being neglected because the fields are not maintained.

Councilman Lane asked when council could get their emails set up. Officer Bowles told him this is why he is here and to see him after the meeting.

**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