

Town Council Meeting
Town Hall Annex
August 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.



COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony "Tony" Hill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer; Assistant Chief Joshua Wilbanks, Whitmire Police Department; Jay Gardner, Whitmire Recreation; Claude Worthy, Misty Collier, Kristen Hunt, Billie Griffin, Randy Levisay, Donna Jamerson, Palmetto Citizens Bank Manager, Katie Worthy, Brandy Gresham, Bonnie Gresham, Rhonda and John Bohms, Crystal Harsha, Kayla Alexander, June Tankersley, Lori Gardner, Garrett Sims, Dorothy Crisp, Ruth Hollingsworth, 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 the July 8, 2026 council meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson. All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The financial report for the Town of Whitmire for the month of July was as follows: The beginning balance for the Town of Whitmire was \$102,898.58, deposits \$174,382.72, expenses \$222,476.61, and ending balance of \$54,804.64.

The financial report for the Commission of Public Works for the month of July was as follows: The beginning balance for the CPW was \$332.64, deposits \$122,802.47, expenses \$121,819.91, and an ending balance of \$1,315.20.

POLICE REPORTS:

Assistant Chief Wilbanks gave the report for July. We had 48 incidents, 23 citations, 2 warrants, and 0 traffic accidents. Some of the calls included rape, assault and battery 3rd (2x), burglary, vandalism of property, and driving under suspension.

RECREATION:

Jay Gardner told council the tackle football program registration is complete. We have 20 juniors, 13 or 14 peewee, and flag registration is still ongoing through August 17, 2026. He said then we will order uniforms. Jay told everyone Kristen Hunt, Cseh Kiesler, and Billie Griffin got sponsors for around \$2400.00 and he thanked them for this. Jay also recognized Garrett Sims for All Stars. He also recognized two special people who help tremendously with Recreation. One is John Bohms and the other is Brandy Gresham. They go above and beyond to help out.

1st READING OF THREE ANNEXATION ORDINANCES:

Mayor Hollingsworth told council three residents on Satterwhite Street desire to be annexed into the town limits. They have had all the paperwork done to do this and are just waiting on the approval of town council. It is 131, 147, and 151 Satterwhite. Council discussed this further. One of the properties touches city limits and then the other two will follow because they touch the first property. Motion to allow these three properties to be annexed into the city made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Thomas. Four Council members and Mayor are in favor and One Council member is a no.

WHITMIRE COMMUNITY JAYCEES:

Katie Worthy told council she needed approval to get bigger rides for next years' Party in the Pines Festival. She told council she needed to know because if they are not allowed, they would have to make other plans or just not have the festival. Council members questioned her about professionalism and planning going forward. Council members questioned her about the person who may be the next president and about having him or her come to the next meeting. Councilwoman Means told her she needed to bring the other person with her, make sure her team is tight, and the plan is solid. Then say this is your plan. Councilman Thomas told her it was hard to give an okay when everything is not in place. Katie said she had been under three investigations, but was cleared. Mayor Hollingsworth asked for a motion to move forward. Councilwoman Means said to table the decision until later. Motion to table this until later made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Worthy. All in favor.

MAYOR PRESENTS:

Mayor Hollingsworth told everyone Charles Shugart resigned as of July 3, 2026. We are operating under Jimmy Dunaway again.

Mayor Hollingsworth said we have applied for a \$25,000.00 grant to fix up Community Center with us doing a 5% match.

We are also going to apply for Palmetto Pride grant.

Mayor Hollingsworth told everyone we are looking at a company with a new metering system. He said he will give more information as it comes available.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council we have placed an ad in the paper for two full-time workers for the town. One for Water and Sewer and one for Street Maintenance. We have received three applications.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council we have three seats coming up for election this year. Make sure to sign up by 12 noon on August 17th, 2026.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council we are having some issues with people wanting to put campers on properties and live in them. He told council to read over the ordinance and see if we need to amend this ordinance or get a new one.

COUNCIL PRESENTS:

Councilman Thomas told council we need a new timer for the tennis courts lights or we need to get the old one fixed. He said only ½ of the lights are working.

Councilwoman Dickerson said the back-to-school worship at the gym was a success. She said the youth are our future leaders.

Councilman Lane asked when do the license for landlords start. Mayor Hollingsworth told him they were all sent applications and should be coming in any time now.

Councilwoman Means told council she had been getting complaints about golf carts being on main roads. It is not only young people but also older people.
Mayor Hollingsworth told her he would talk to her tomorrow.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth

ATTEST:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer