

Town Council Meeting
Town Hall Annex
December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony "Tony" Hill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer; Dawn Mosley, CPW Clerk; Charles Shugart, Distribution Manager; Bernadine Edmonds, Attorney Robert Lake, IV, Charlene Stroud, Randy Livesay, Chris Prince, Mike Plemmons, Kenneth Whitener, Dean Sanders, Donna Jamerson, 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 November 10, 2025 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 November was as follows: The beginning balance for the Town of Whitmire was \$5,907.69 with deposits of \$114,340.47, expenditures of \$56,038.45, and ending balance of \$64,209.71.

Commission of Public Works for the month of November had a beginning balance of \$2,990.44, deposits of \$119,542.92, and expenditures of \$121,824.44 with an ending balance of \$708.92.

POLICE REPORTS:

Mayor Hollingsworth gave the report for November. We had 57 incidents, 30 citations, 4 traffic accident, and 8 warrants served or withdrawn. Some of the calls include domestic violence, larceny, simple possession marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, neglect of vulnerable adult, and etc.

Councilman Lane asked if we could spend the Police Seizure Fund money?

What is in account 7142? Charles and Dawn said this is chemicals and testing at filter plant.

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE:

Mayor Hollingsworth read over the Business License Ordinance amendment for a second reading. Motion to approve the ordinance amendment made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson. All in favor.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Mayor Hollingsworth asked council if they wanted to change the form of government or continue to operate under the current form of government? After discussion with council on this matter, motion to keep the current form of government made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson. No further discussion. All in favor.

LETTER OF INTENT:

Tower Pointe sent a letter wanting to purchase the cell tower lease from us for a lump sum payment of \$260,890.00 instead of us getting a monthly sum of \$1,227.45 with 3% increase

annually. Councilmembers discussed this and wanted a representative to come to a meeting to discuss this with them before making any kind of decisions.

CHARLES SHUGART:

Mr. Shugart went over some lead and copper tests he had been doing and stated we were in pretty good shape on this. He said Don Merrit with Surcap is investigating maintenance at the Waste Plant needing to be done. He said he had talked with Gregory Sprouse about applying for a grant in August. Mr. Merrit said the maintenance at the Waste Plant is a little behind. He said he can help get it back up and on track. He will work with L & L to do this.

MAYOR PRESENTS:

Mayor Hollingsworth told council the Newberry County Human Society will be at the Community Center on Friday from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. to give out straw for pets.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council that the bike ride South East Gravel wants to have the March 2026 bike ride here again.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council the employee dinner will be Friday night at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. The Whitmire Christmas Parade is set for Saturday at 1 p.m.

Mayor Hollingsworth told everyone the leaf vacuum will be ran as soon as it dries up some.

Mayor Hollingsworth said they have been sawing out potholes and will fill with asphalt as soon as it warms up some.

Mayor Hollingsworth said the ordinances, agenda, and minutes are now on the website.

Mayor Hollingsworth said the mulch will be put out when weather is permitting.

Mayor Hollingsworth wished everyone a Merry Christmas and told them to remember the reason for the season.

COUNCIL PRESENTS:

Councilwoman Means said residents on Duckett Avenue and Clark Street are complaining about potholes that need fixing

Mayor Hollingsworth said all our trees have been trimmed on Main Street. He thanked Lironda for doing this for the town.

Councilman Lane asked who is responsible for the tree across the alleyway beside the Lil Cricket? Council discussed this and the tree is on Lil Cricket property, but we will check to make sure. The Lil Cricket would be responsible for removing it if it fell from their property.

Attorney Lake is going to redo the rental ordinance.

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