

Town Council Meeting
Town Hall Annex
November 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth
Maria Dickerson
Charles Worthy
Dwight Lane
Michael Thomas

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony "Tony" Hill
Tomekia Means

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer; Dawn Mosley, CPW Clerk; Jay Gardner, Recreation; Bernadine Edmonds, Attorney Robert Lake, IV, Charlene Stroud, Randy Livesay, Wallace Hunter, Claude Worthy, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Villante, Chris Alexander, Anna Dickerson, Mike Plemmons, Dean Sanders, Randy Levisay, Katie Worthy, 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 October 13, 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 October was as follows: The beginning balance for the Town of Whitmire was \$22,437.31 with deposits of \$190,761.87, expenditures of \$207,294.49, and ending balance of \$5,907.69.

Commission of Public Works for the month of October had a beginning balance of \$562.76, deposits of \$121,121.95, and expenditures of \$118,694.27 with an ending balance of \$2,990.44.

POLICE REPORTS:

Mayor Hollingsworth gave the report for October. We had 72 incidents, 33 citations, 2 traffic accident, and 8 warrants served or withdrawn. Some of the calls include domestic violence, assault and battery 3rd, vandalism of property, attempted burglary, breach of trust, and DUS. Councilman Worthy asked if there was any feedback on the day and night work.

KATIE WORTHY:

Katie told council there will be a Party in the Pines this year. She has a map layout on Main Street for the rides to be set up. There will be a new rides vendor. They will have 6 rides in on Wednesday and out by Sunday.

Katie said for Christmas this year churches are working on donations for toys and other items and we still have some items from Dollar General last year.

Councilman Thomas asked if she had flyers out to let those in need know how to go about signing up for assistance.

Katie told him she did a face book post and a link to the Sheriff's Department. She also told council she will be getting the Jaycees charter straight within 30 days.

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Mayor Hollingsworth read over the amendment to the rate class schedule change to the current license ordinance. Motion to approve made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson. All in favor.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Mayor Hollingsworth told council he had included paperwork on the forms of government and two letters from Robert Lake, IV with details. He told everyone to look over it and we could discuss this at the next meeting.

RECREATION:

Jay Gardner told council the Football program for this year has finished. The cheerleaders got their medals on Saturday and on Thursday the football team will have their banquet and get their medals. We will not have basketball or volleyball this year because of the renovations being done on the gym. Our kids can sign up and play with Newberry Recreation or Clinton YMCA but practice and games will be there. They will have to have transportation to and from practices and games. He said Volleyball could be a possibility depending on when the renovations are completed.

Mayor Hollingsworth told everyone we will see some changes in Recreation going forward into the next year.

PROPERTY VIOLATIONS:

Ms. Bernadine Edmonds gave the violations report. There have been nine letters sent and so far, six responses to the letters. Mayor Hollingsworth said we may need to amend the nuisance ordinance to include signs on sidewalks, junk in store front windows, and papering windows.

MAYOR PRESENTS:

Mayor Hollingsworth told council we have someone wanting to purchase our cell tower lease. They are offering \$260,890.00 up from last year's offer of \$235,000.00. He said he will let Robert look at the offers and email them to council members tomorrow.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council that the House of Deliverance will serve a Thanksgiving meal to about 100 people this year. Any help or donations will be appreciated. Anything left over from the dinner will be donated to the First Baptist Community Food Bank.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council the mulch for the park will be here tomorrow.

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.

Spartan Waste will start garbage pickup on Monday, December 1, 2025. Flyers will be distributed to customers this week. Everyone will have brown cans. We are still picking up household items until January 1, 2026.

Mayor Hollingsworth asked Attorney Lake to prepare an ordinance requiring landlords to have a business license. They may be allowed to have one rental property without getting a license.

Mayor Hollingsworth told everyone the Town Ordinances will be on our website soon.

The Christmas Tree lighting will be on Friday, December 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and the Christmas Parade will be on December 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. He said we are going to load as many trees as we can with lights.

The Employee Christmas Dinner will be December 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This is for the employees and their immediate family only.

COUNCIL PRESENTS:

Councilman Worthy thanked Ms. Charlene Stroud for the Veterans celebration on Saturday.

Councilman Worthy asked if we could try to patch the holes in the road on Gary, Nance, and Lowry Streets.

Mayor Hollingsworth said they are going to be picking up limbs and patching some holes this week. He said the pavers should be back anytime to finish the paving job.

Councilwoman Dickerson went over some things she was thankful for.

Mayor Hollingsworth read over the letter on removing the towers from the American Legion property.

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