



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; Joshua Wilbanks, Assistant Chief of Police; Charlene Stroud, Randy Livesay, Carly Cassada, Kenneth Whitener, Wallace Hunter, and other concerned citizens.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Councilwoman Minister Tomekia Means gave the invocation to council.

MINUTES:

Minutes for August 11, 2025 and August 18, 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 August was as follows: The beginning balance for the Town of Whitmire was \$27,296.27 with deposits of \$135,726.90, expenditures of \$120,234.99, and ending balance of \$42,788.18.

Commission of Public Works for the month of August had a beginning balance of \$1,868.30, deposits of \$105,971.11, and expenditures of \$105,676.52 with an ending balance of \$2,162.89.

POLICE REPORTS:

Assistant Chief Moss gave the report for August. We had 47 incidents, 16 citations, no traffic accidents, and 1 warrant served or withdrawn. Some of the calls were Larceny, Vandalism of Property, Driving Under Suspension, Use of Tag on Wrong Vehicle, and etc.

WHITMIRE RECREATION:

The first Whitmire Recreation Football Game will be on September 17, 2025.

MUSTARD SEED – CARLY CASSADA:

Carly talked about the Halloween Carnival this year. All of it will be outside since renovations are being done in the gym. Going to do Karaoke and have a DJ, Food trucks are coming, Fire Department will do Gem Mining this year. It will be held on October 25, 2025. She asked the Town to sponsor 2 regular porta potties and 1 handicap porta potty. Motion to sponsor the porta potties made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Hill. All in favor. Councilman Lane said we need to place the men and women porta potties apart from each other. Trick or Treat starts at 5:00 p.m. and the Carnival starts at 7:00 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION – CHARLENE STROUD:

Ms. Stroud told everyone this Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. the auxiliary will be signing the charter. The Veterans Parade will be November 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and will go the same direction the Christmas Parade does.

They would like to put bunting on the bridge. They would like anyone interested in being in the parade to let them know. They would like for council members to come to the American Legion Building and look at it to see if there are any grants to get the building up to code. They set up September 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hut.

MAYOR PRESENTS:

Mayor Hollingsworth told council he was waiting on a letter from Attorney Lake on the Thomas and Hutton proposals.

Mayor Hollingsworth said Friday at 10:00 a.m. the CEO from Palmetto Citizens, Mr. Robert Dozier, will be here with plans for the new bank.

Mayor Hollingsworth told everyone the contract garbage service with Spartan Waste should begin on or about October 1, 2025. We are working with Spartan to get letters to customers.

Mayor Hollingsworth said hopefully the streets will be paved by mid-October.

Duke Energy is continuing to work on maintaining their poles and lines around town.

There will be a Tent Revival at the Recreation Complex from October 5th through the 8th of October.

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Councilman Worthy told council there was a leak on Sims Street that needs to be fixed. He asked what time is lunch time for the town workers. He said today it was from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

He asked council what we need to do about the bush at the end of Church Street. He said it blocks drivers' view.

Mayor Hollingsworth said maybe we need to just cut it back to about one foot from the ground.

Councilman Thomas said they all need to be clocking in and out every day.

Councilman Hill said the employees need to be aware that people are watching them when they are just goofing off they think or just doing whatever.

Councilman Thomas said work orders need to be done and signed off completed. There are leaks on Broom Street that need fixing also.

Councilman Thomas told council Jay is not here, but he has been told that some of the parents have paid people to cut the ball field. He said why is Jay not cutting it? Mayor Hollingsworth said he would check this out.

Councilman Thomas said there is no reason to have three workers riding in one truck.

Councilman Thomas said going forward he thinks we need to look at going to strong council/weak mayor form of government. He said so many Towns are under investigation now with their Police Departments and Governments.

Mayor Hollingsworth told council he would look into what needs to be done to change the form of government. He said it would probably need to be on the ballot for citizens to vote on at the election.

Council members said Willie and Charles needs to be at the Town Council meetings. They also stated we only need one truck going home with employees. They all don't need to drive a town vehicle home.

Charlie Wilbanks asked council why they don't contract the grass out. Mayor Hollingsworth told her we have been getting quotes on some of the grass we cut.

Councilwoman Means told council she knew that some of them had concerns with the contract with Thomas and Hutton. She said the reason the language is not there is because they want us to narrow it down to a few projects. She said they are willing to do whatever they can to make it work. She said it is not just our vision, but it is theirs for us as well.

Councilman Hill told Councilwoman Means to keep digging and see what she can come up with. He said the Park definitely needs to be fixed. He asked Councilwoman Means to set up a meeting with the county to discuss our needs and how they might be able help us.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

Mayor Billy Hollingsworth

ATTEST:

Carla Knotts, Clerk/Treasurer

