

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

March 10, 2026

Council members present

Richard Hill President	<u> X </u>
Debra Hendrickson Vice President	<u> X </u>
Tim Brown Member	<u> X </u>
Brad Goedeker Member	<u> X </u>
Joe Csikos Member	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

Jenny Roberts Clerk Treasurer	<u> </u>
Carmen Young Town Manager	<u> X </u>
Bill Barrett Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Makayla Rich Deputy Clerk	<u> X </u>

Call to Order

- R. Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call – Quorum requirements reached. All present.

Invocation

Review and Approval of Agenda

Conflicts of Interest Disclosures

- B. Barrett read the disclosure for Colin Yocum
 - J. Csikos made a motion to accept the conflict of interest disclosure for C. Yocum. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Town Council Minutes 2.10.26

- T. Brown made a motion to approve the 2.10.26 minutes. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0-1 (J. Csikos abstained)

Voucher Packet 3-10-2026

- T. Brown made a motion to approve the 3-10-26 Voucher Packet. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Financial Report

- M. Rich discussed the financials.
 - M. Rich discussed a minor discrepancy between the appropriation report in the amount dispersed for the month and the fund report. It depends on when the reports are run and if payments were made between running the reports, then it may differ.
 - D. Hendrickson asked if the water bond had been paid off, as it is showing a revenue - Possibly due to the year not being closed out quite yet. M. Rich will look into it and get back to the Council.

Old Business

- **Stone Municipal Group Supplemental Agreement Update /Local Government Services Update**
 - R. Hill asked to discuss the handout update provided to the Council by J. Roberts. He asked if the bank reconciliations have still not been put into Keystone.
 - M. Rich stated that J. Roberts and A. Stone are working on that. She believed there were some questions on what to post and what not to post to finish out the year. There were some bulk adjustments made. She

the rest of the year to a strong membership.

stated A. Stone's team is finishing the reconciliations for January and February and then Local Government Services are taking over in March.

- R. Hill asked about the 30 day notice given to A. Stone on the supplemental agreement. C. Young stated that it has been done. Final invoice 4/1. Then the 5/1 invoice will just be the base contract. D. Hendrickson asked if A. Stone would be coming to any of the meetings. C. Young stated that it was never a part of the contract and only would come as needed. C. Young will be working with their team to review the current agreement and discuss the items that the town would still need assistance with. She reiterated the goal of A. Stone's team was for them to start bigger and help train the Town to take over a lot of the tasks.
- R. Hill asked about the 9 months needed to reconcile as stated on the status update handout. C. Young stated that Local Government Services would be assisting J. Roberts with that. Ultimately it is up to the Council to determine how long this can proceed or if some things could be accelerated. Further discussions were had on the budgeting of the funds for the training and the time frame of the training. R. Hill asked the other council members for their thoughts and C. Young suggested waiting on discussing this without J. Roberts being present. She is attending the required Clerk Treasurer training out of town. R. Hill will table the discussion and put it on the agenda for next month.
- C. Young also stated that she and A. Stone have been discussing the goal of having the 2027 budget ready and adopted by the end of September.

- **Ordinance 2026-02, Revising Right of Way Regulations (Final Reading)**

- B. Patrick highlighted the key changes to the Right of Way Ordinance and discussed fees and penalties. B. Patrick asked that if the ordinance gets passed, he'd like it to become effective upon posting.
- R. Hill asked about the insurance limits and if it had been vetted by the Town's insurance. B. Patrick stated that the Town requires a surety bond as well as a certificate of insurance for a million dollars. B. Patrick further explained that the work will be done in phases.
- T. Brown asked about a bore permit being required to be on the contractor at all times. B. Patrick stated yes.
- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 as described by B. Patrick and to edit the words "city" to state "town". T. Brown seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

New Business

- **Comprehensive Plan Update**

- C. Young discussed the updates that have been done on the comprehensive plan as stated on the handout given to the Council.

- **Water Tank Required and Preventative Maintenance Proposal**

- S. Richards, Water Superintendent, discussed the proposal given to the Council regarding the repairs needed to the water tower at St. Charles and the sewer plant, to bring those up to compliance with OSHA for fall protection. He also requested the booster station and sewer plant to be cleaned.
- T. Brown asked if the tank would be dropped. S. Richards stated that they would not be taking the tanks out of service. T. Brown asked about charges per inch for sediment and the hauling off of hazardous materials. S. Richards stated they are not to exceed the 3" of sediment but he will confirm that and get more information regarding any materials that need to be hauled away .
- R. Hill asked if this was something new that the Town was doing. S. Richards stated that the tanks should be inspected every 3-5 years.
- T. Brown stated that he would need some more clarification on pricing prior to voting.
- T. Brown made a motion to continue discussion until next month. Consensus of council agreed.
- R. Hill asked about the status of the fire hydrants. S. Richards stated parts are in and he will be meeting with Lawyer Excavating on Thursday to get 5 of the hydrants back in service. R. Hill asked when the project would be completed. S. Richards stated he had no hard date on that yet. He hopes to have this completed no later than the fall.

- **West Oxidation Ditch Repairs Request for Approval**

- J. Jones, Wastewater Superintendent, discussed the oxidation ditch repairs and requested approval of the invoice as presented to the Council.

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- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the invoice (from Maddox) for the repairs. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Town Manager Report

- C. Young had nothing further to add to her report that was given to the council.

Department Head Reports

- Derek Cox, Police Chief, stated he has started the process of hiring 2 officers, as 2 are leaving by the end of the year.
- Armando DeSantiago, Public Works Coordinator, discussed the Bob Glidden roundabout and signage going up alerting the public. It will be done in 4 phases, starting on or after April 1. He also stated the Town Hall parking lot should be redone around that same time.
- Jesse Jones, Wastewater Superintendent, gave updates on the sewer plant. He also let the council know about a new employee that started and is doing great.

Counsel Comment

Council Comment

- T. Brown passed out a document to the Council. He'd like to recognize Makayla Rich, Deputy Clerk, and asked for her to get a \$8,338.40 bonus. She stepped up and went above and beyond what was asked of her in the absence and transition of the new Clerk Treasurer. C. Young further explained the handout and how the figure was calculated.
- T. Brown made a motion for a one-time bonus for M. Rich of \$8,338.40. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Public Comment

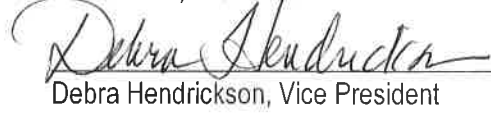
R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 14 of April, 2026.

Aye



Richard Hill, President



Debra Hendrickson, Vice President



Tim Brown



Brad Goedeker

Attest:



Jenny Roberts, Clerk Treasurer

Nay

Richard Hill, President

Debra Hendrickson, Vice President

Tim Brown

Brad Goedeker