

# WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

April 14, 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>  X  </u>
Carmen Young	
Town Manager	<u>  X  </u>
Stephen Watson	
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

- S. Watson reviewed the disclosure for Karl Knartzer.
  - D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve conflict of interest annual disclosure. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- S. Watson reviewed disclosures for B. Gregory, B. Temple, S. Hendershot, and S. Raker
  - J. Csikos made a motion to approve conflict of interest annual disclosures. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- S. Watson reviewed T. Stogsdill and T. McClean's disclosure, regarding them being related, and felt this type of disclosure wasn't required.

- S. Watson reviewed the disclosures for the E. Funkhouser, D. Funkhouser, and C. Funkhouser, as it relates to the town and state's anti-nepotism policy which prohibits relatives from being in a direct line of supervision relationship.
  - There is an exception for volunteer firefighters and that is how it's stated on the Town's salary ordinance. S. Watson suggested reviewing and possibly updating the Town's policy for further clarification. He mentioned it also states in the policy that relatives can't be in the same department.
  - He stated from a conflict of interest disclosure standpoint, he doesn't feel its required that they file a disclosure. He will research the definition of a "volunteer" and how it relates to the Town's policy.
  - R. Hill asked for this disclosures to be tabled so that more research could be done. Council agreed.

### Town Council Minutes 3.10.26

- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the 3.10.26 minutes. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

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## Voucher Packet 4-14-2026

- D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the 4-14-26 Voucher Packet. T. Brown seconded the motion,  
**PASSED 5-0**

## Financial Report

- J. Roberts discussed the financials.

## Old Business

- **Stone Municipal Group Supplemental Agreement Update**
  - C. Young stated that the supplemental agreement is complete and discussed some outstanding items still being completed.
  - She also discussed the items she and Adam Stone are currently working on and what tasks could be transferred over to the town by end of year. R. Hill asked if once the transition is over will Stone Municipal still be on the payroll in upcoming years. C. Young there will still be things the Town will need a financial consultant to assist with, such as a utility rate study. At that point, the Town could look into an hourly rate or project based work .
- **Local Government Services Update**
  - J. Roberts discussed the update on work provided by Local Government Services. Stone Municipal will be reconciling January and February. She and M. Rich will work on March with Local Government Services assistance.
- **Water Tank Required and Preventative Maintenance Proposal**
  - S. Richards discussed the proposal and additional items the council asked for clarity on last month.
  - T. Brown suggested postponing this project so that the focus and money could be spent on fire hydrant repairs.
  - R. Hill asked about the hydrant repairs. S. Richards stated 4 are back in service and currently working on 2 others. They are still working on assessing repairs needed on the other 4 hydrants and obtaining parts.
  - B. Goedeker asked S. Richards if this water tank project would impede the fire hydrant project. S. Richards stated it would take 1-2 days and didn't see it causing an issue.
  - B. Goedeker asked T. Brown how long he would propose delaying this project. Or, if it's a financial issue, what financial numbers are needed to start the project.
  - T. Brown suggested putting it off until next year and discussed costs of the hydrants, flushing of the hydrants, and possible issues and costs with the water tank project.
  - B. Goedeker asked J. Roberts to pull up the water operating and water improvement fund report. B. Goedeker stated that water operating budget is at its highest point in the last year with stable revenues. He stated from his perspective it would seem like an appropriate project to take on and would not be very time intensive.
  - More discussions were had about the possible issues and costs of the project and B. Goedeker stated he would like to see more of the needed projects get done and not put off.
  - R. Hill stated that maybe the focus be on completing the hydrants and asked S. Richards if a delay to this project would cause any issues. S. Richards stated the cost could potentially go up.
  - B. Goedeker stated he respected what T. Brown said and his experience and understands there could be issues, but he'd like to get a date so that the project will actually get done.
  - S. Richards stated he hoped the hydrant project, repairs and flushing, be done by fall. T. Brown asked him to bring this proposal back to the October 13th meeting. R. Hill stated the focus could be on the remainder hydrants out service and then put together a plan for the rest of them. S. Richards stated that sounded reasonable.

## New Business

- **RDC 2025 Annual Report**
  - C. Young discussed the RDC annual report.
- **RDA 2025 Annual Report**

- C. Young discussed the RDA annual report.
- **Town of Whiteland Video & 2025 Year in Review**
  - C. Young showed the video and discussed the Year in Review highlights handout.
  - Discussions were had about hiring another laborer, dedicated to water.
  - B. Goedeker asked about the potential of another water source and 2<sup>nd</sup> connection point from Indiana American Water.
    - C. Young discussed the testing of the well and the long term plan of self sufficiency.
    - C. Young also discussed HB 101 and permit fees.
- **WCHS Phase 5 – Request for Stormwater Waiver**
  - B. Patrick discussed the WCHS Stormwater Waiver request. Crossroads Engineers has already received approval from the Johnson County Drainage Board.
  - D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the WCHS request for a stormwater waiver. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**Passed 5-0**

- **Proposal from Code Crafters for Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)**
  - C. Young discussed proposal from Code Crafters regarding a Unified Development Ordinance. This will bring the Towns zoning code together with the subdivision control ordinances. This is something that was started with GRW Engineers and a release from their proposal has been given.
  - R. Hill asked if all work product would be owned by the Town and what the 12 month timeline means. He also asked how payments would work.
    - C. Young stated that work product would be given to the Town. The timeline should be reachable. C. Young will clarify the schedule of payments, but work would be paid as completed.
  - T. Brown made a motion to approve and authorize C. Young to sign the contract with Code Crafters, subject to it including that work product would be owned by the town and provided in an electronic format that can be amended, that payment would be made as product is delivered, and a not to exceed amount of \$60,000. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- **Proposal from HWC Engineering – Water Loss Audit Validation**
  - C. Young discussed the memorandum of agreement with HWC for the validation of the Towns water loss audit. We do not have an engineer on staff and have asked HWC to assist with this. Cost is \$1500 from water operating fund.
  - R. Hill noted that the proposal states net 30 and the Town needs net 45 for payment. C. Young will let them know that needs to be changed.
  - D. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the agreement, noting the change of 45 days for payment. T. Brown seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- **Proposal from Etica Group – Tornado – Street Garage MEP's**
  - C. Young discussed the proposal from Etica Group regarding the rebuild of the street garage. This will get the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineering completed. This will also get reimbursed by insurance.
  - T. Brown made a motion to approve and authorize the contract from Etica Group pending legal review on the professional services agreement and the amount not to exceed \$45,000. D. Hendrickson seconded the motion.

**PASSED 5-0**

- **Request for Disposal of Vac Truck**
  - J. Jones, Wastewater Superintendent, discussed the request to dispose of the Vac Truck.

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- T. Brown made a motion to approve the disposal of the Vac Truck in a silent auction or auction house. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

#### **PASSED 5-0**

- **Request for payment for the new trucks**

- C. Young discussed the request of the payment for the 2 of the new trucks that were approved for purchase. The invoice wasn't ready until Thursday, therefore did not make the Voucher Packet.
- Discussions were had on doing another voucher packet. S. Watson researched the voucher packet process and whether it met the statutory requirements. He suggested possibly doing this at next meeting or having a special meeting.
- R. Hill stated we could call a special meeting next week and asked the Council's availability.
- Upon further review, S. Watson stated that he didn't feel this situation met the emergency requirements to do the voucher packet tonight and suggested doing a special meeting if possible.

#### **Town Manager Report**

- C. Young discussed her Town Manager report. She noted that the neighborhood meeting for Brunnemer Ridge had been postponed.

#### **Department Head Reports**

- Police Department –Chief Derek Cox discussed the vehicle they received funding for from RDC that is currently at the outfitters and should be in service soon. They also received 6 ballistic shields and will be starting on those. He also let the council know he was able to dispose of the large quantity of drugs confiscated at the truck stop last year, at no cost.
- Public Works – Armando DeSantiago updated the Council on the Bob Glidden Roundabout that the date has been shifted to on or after April 20<sup>th</sup>. Signs and barricades have been placed. He also stated he is working on the removal and hauling of debris (roughly 300 loads) from the street department. He stated all the barns have been removed except the one the Town is using.
- Sewer – Jesse Jones updated the Council on wet weather inspections at the sewer plant. He also stated the ChadLo relief line project is moving forward. He also mentioned he filed for a modification on the IDEM permit for wastewater to include pretreatments. He also discussed the capacity at the sewer plant and that its getting close to the 90% mark at which point IDEM will shut them down.
  - D. Hendrickson asked if there was potential start date on the upgrade to the Sewer plant. C. Young stated they are working on it and investigating additional options. D. Hendrickson asked for a potential timeline on the project or items that need to be completed prior to starting. R. Hill asked if it would be possible to share some preliminary figures next month. J. Jones will work on it.

#### **Counsel Comment**

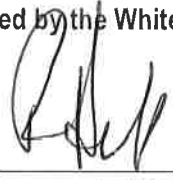
#### **Council Comment**

#### **Public Comment**

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 12 of May, 2026.

Aye



Richard Hill, President

Nay

Richard Hill, President

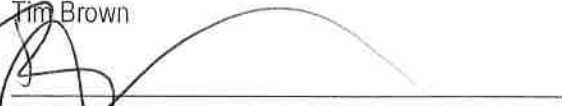


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Attest:



Jenny Roberts, Clerk Treasurer