WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
September 8, 2026

Council members present		Other Town Officials	
Debra Hendrickson President	X	Jenny Roberts Clerk Treasurer	X
Tim Brown Vice President	X	Carmen Young Town Manager	X
Richard Hill Member	X	Stephen Watson Town Attorney	X
Brad Goedeker Member	X	Makayla Rich Deputy Clerk	
Joe Csikos Member	X		

Call to Order

- D. Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call – Quorum requirements reached. T. Brown virtual.
Invocation
Adoption of the order of business for the day
Reorganization

- D. Hendrickson stated that due to the Council President stepping down last month, the Vice President by statute takes the postion until there is another reorganization. S. Watson stated it would be
- J. Csikos nominated D. Hendrickson for Town Council President. R. Hill seconded the motion.

PASSED 3-0-1 (D. Hendrickson abstained)

- R. Hill nominated T. Brown for Vice President. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

PASSED 4-0

Town Council Minutes 8-11-26

- T. Brown made a motion to approve the 8-11-26 minutes. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

PASSED

Voucher Packet 8-11-2026

- B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the 8-11-26 Voucher Packet. R. Hill seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Financial Report

- J. Roberts discussed the financials.

Old Business

- **Ordinance 2026-05, An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Golf Carts & UTVs in the Town of Whiteland**
  - B. Patrick discussed the revised version of the Ordinance with changes requested last month. He spoke with insurance and based on the language of the ordinance, there would be no implications to the Town's insurance policy. He also discussed the registration sticker options. He is looking at implementation of the Ordinance for January 1, 2027.
  - R. Hill asked if the Town would require triangular placards (for slow-moving vehicles) on the vehicle. B. Patrick stated no and J. Csikos stated that the requirements would be to go 25mph or higher and only on roadways with 30 mph or lower.

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- S. Watson stated that if the Town adopts the ordinance, per state statute, in order for it to be effective and enforceable, signs would have to be posted giving notice of the local regulations at the entrances to the highways (all public roads) that are affected. Discussions were had about the cost of the signs vs the annual $50 fee.
- D. Hendrickson stated to table the ordinance until the Town can determine how many signs are needed and the cost. All agreed.

New Business

- **2027 Budget Introduction**
  - C. Young introduced and gave overview of the 2027 budget. DLGF funds were presented and Utilities will be presented next month. She also discussed GO Bond options.
  - Adam Stone, Stone Municipal Group, gave overview of the forms and how the numbers were reached. He also discussed the timeline to approve the budget.
  - D. Hendrickson opened the public hearing at 7:08pm and closed it at 7:13pm.

- **Request for Approval Electrical Upgrade at St. Charles Tower**
  - Steven Richards, Water Superintendent, discussed the need for an electrical upgrade at St. Charles Tower.
  - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the electrical upgrade alternate 2, to be completed by Frontline and to include the manual transfer switch with a not to exceed amount totaling $43,000 and authorize the Town Manager to sign. J. Csikos seconded the motion.
    PASSED 5-0

- **Request for Approval for Water Tower Improvements**
  - Steven Richards, Water Superintendent, explained the request for water tower improvements.
  - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve both proposals from Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group with a 10% contingency included for a not to exceed amount and authorized the Town Manager to sign. R. Hill seconded the motion.
    PASSED 5-0

- **Discussion of Updated Design Standards and Specifications**
  - B. Patrick explained the updates completed so far for the updated design standards & specifications manual. All department heads within the Town have reviewed it to ensure all changes needed for their internal departments.
  - J. Csikos suggested putting the manual online for review with a summary page from each department head highlighting changes. B. Patrick stated he'd have it to the council in a week.

- **Dedication and Acceptance of the Public Safety and Park Property in the Gateway at Whiteland**
  - C. Young and S. Watson discussed the dedication and acceptance of the property in Gateway by Patch.
  - J. Csikos made a motion to accept the dedication and acceptance of the public safety and Park property in the the Gateway at Whiteland pending legal council and town manager review. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
    PASSED 5-0

Town Manager Report

- C. Young discussed the Community Crossing Grant matching grant that is due at the end of September and clarified that J. Jones can sign under the authority previously given to the Town Manager. All agreed.

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Department Head Reports

- **Police Department** – Chief D. Cox discussed the packet with monthly stats given to Town Council. He also discussed the updated MOU (memorandum of understanding) regarding the Clark Pleasant School Police Department and asked for permission to sign.
    - R. Hill asked about the process when the police use their town vehicles to work in other areas or if there is any compensation for gas, wear and tear of the vehicles, tires, etc. D. Cox stated there had never been any agreement set up regarding that. Officers are typically given 300 miles a month of off duty mileage to drive their police cars. R. Hill asked D. Cox if he would be open to discussing an agreement to help cover some of the costs for the use of the vehicles for other jobs. D. Cox stated he'd be open to discussing it.
    - B. Goedeker made a motion to authorize D. Cox to sign the MOU regarding the Clark Pleasant School Police Department. J. Csikos seconded the motion.
      PASSED 5-0
    - D. Cox let the council know Johnson County purchased new tasers and are donating their current ones to the Town.
- **Fire Department** – Deputy Chief C. Yocum gave the monthly stats for the Fire Department. He also discussed that they went to the dealership to inquire about building the ladder truck. He should have some cost estimates and drawings next month.
- **Public Works** – Armando DeSantiago, Public Works Coordinator, discussed the street garage rebuild. The town is waiting on state approval. Once received, they will be out to stake and prepare the site.
- **Sewer** – Jesse Jones, Sewer Superintendent, updated the Council on the stats of the sewer department.

Counsel Comment
Council Comment

Public Comment

- Debbie Sallee, 2492 E. 400 N. discussed the Diwali holiday and the fireworks. She stated that since it is not a national holiday, are there any rules regarding fireworks and do the police have the authority to enforce the town ordinance during non-holiday months?
    - C.Young said the ordinance states that any day outside of Independence Day or New Year's, they can be set off until 11pm.
    - B. Goedeker stated this was not an unreasonable ask to suggest the rules be followed on this. This would have to be enforced and asked D. Cox for his suggestions.
    - D. Cox stated they have responded to calls in the past regarding this.
    - C. Young stated that the town could try and educate the community on the rules.
    - S. Watson further discussed the Town Code that includes the prohibition of frequent and habitual use of fireworks.

D. Hendrickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm

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Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 13 **of** October **, 2026.**

Aye	Nay
Debra Hendrickson, President	Debra Hendrickson, President
Tim Brown, Vice President	Tim Brown, Vice President
Richard Hill	Richard Hill
Brad Goedeker	Brad Goedeker
Joe Csikos	Joe Csikos

Attest:

Jenny Roberts, Clerk Treasurer

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