WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
October 13, 2026

Council members present		Other Town Officials	
Debra Hendrickson President	X	Jenny Roberts Clerk Treasurer	X
Tim Brown Vice President	X	Jesse Jones 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. B. Goedeker virtual.
Invocation
Adoption of the order of business for the day

Town Council Minutes 9-8-26

- R. Hill made a motion to approve the 9-8-26 minutes. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

PASSED 5-0

Voucher Packet 10-13-2026

- R. Hill made a motion to approve the 10-13-26 Voucher Packet. T. Brown 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 asked for more time to gather data from other municipalities regarding signage, before bringing it back for consideration in November.

- **Ordinance 2026-07 - An Ordinance Adopting the 2027 Budget, (Final Reading and Adoption)**
  - D. Hendrickson asked for changes to be made to some items listed under Town Council as it shows health benefits, FICA, PERF, etc. on form 1 of the budget.
  - A. Stone explained the process of adoption for the budget with the State.
  - T. Brown made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-07. R. Hill seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0
  - D. Hendrickson asked that the mentioned names/titles of certain appropriations under the Town Council, on form 1 of the budget, be changed or omitted.

  ALL agreed by consensus.

- **Discussion of Updated Design Standards & Specifications**

- B. Patrick emphasized the need for clear language to protect the town during development processes and requested feedback from other council members to ensure all necessary elements were included. He will sit down with T. Brown to go over the design standards.

New Business

- **Consideration of Engagement Letter Agreement with Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP for Bond Counsel services for G.O. Bond**
  - J. Jones and Jacob McClellan from Bose McKinney & Evans discussed the engagement letter needed for Bond Counsel for the GO Bond.
  - Adam Stone, Stone Municipal Group, explained the tax levy growth and the need for the GO Bond.
  - The projects dicussed to be included in the GO Bond are for various town projects, including police and fire department equipment such as radios/body cameras, DPW vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure improvements.
  - R. Hill requested a copy of the Capital Improvement List.
  - S. Watson asked Jacob McClellan to further explain the process and terms on how the money from the GO Bond is used.
  - The Council expressed concerns about the high amount and requested more detailed project information and a review of the capital asset plan before making a final decision. This includes Ordinance 2026-08 and 2026-09. Special Session scheduled for 10/22/26 at 7pm.

- **Ordinance 2026-08, Bond Ordinance to Establish General Obligation Bond Series 2027 (Introduction Only)**
  - Continued to special session on 10/22/26.
- **Ordinance 2026-09, Additional Appropriation Ordinance for Proceeds of Bond Series 2027 (Intro Only)**
  - Continued to special session on 10/22/26.

- **Ordinance 2026-10, Authorizing Expenditures for Refreshments and Other Miscellaneous Expenditures**
  - J. Jones discussed Ordinance 2026-10 which aims to authorize certain town expenditures including bottled water for meetings, employee appreciation events, potential retirement recognition, etc.
  - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-10, first reading. T. Brown seconded the motion

  PASSED 5-0
  - J. Csikos made a motion to suspend the rules to allow 2nd reading and adoption. R. Hall seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0
  - B. Goedeker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-10. J. Csikos seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0

- **Consideration of Request for Assignment of Tax Abatement Project Agreement - 5559 N. Graham Rd., (MEC Building, Johnson County Parcel No. 41-05-23-042-002.000-028)**
  - S. Watson explained the request for the need to transfer the project agreement.
  - Brent Auberry, Faegre Drinker, representing MEC, further explained the request to transfer the project agreement to his client. This maintians the same terms and conditions to original agreement.
  - R. Hill made a motion to approve the request and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the assignment. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

  PASSED 4-1 (T. Brown voted no)

- **Request for Transfer $10,000 from Police Training to LECE**
  - J. Roberts explained the request for the transfer due to money appropriated to the wrong areas.
  - S. Watson recommended a resolution be assigned to the transfer request - 2026-07.
  - B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the transfer – Resolution 2026-07. T. Brown seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0

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- **Merus Stormwater Waiver**
  - B. Patrick explained the stormwater waivers as presented to the Council requesting a change in materials used. Both the engineer and town staff have approved.
  - J. Csikos made a motion to approve the stormwater waiver. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0

- **60 Debra LN Easement Encroachment, Driveway Extension**
  - B. Patrick explained the easement encroachment for a driveway extension on Debra Ln, as presented to the Council.
  - B. Patrick also asked the Council for the Building Commissioner to have the ability to approve or deny requests to encroach easements. If any escalation is needed, the request would go to the Board of Public Works (Town Council). T. Brown suggested going to the Town Manager 1st, then Council.
    - B. Patrick stated he has homeowner fill out an easement encroachement agreement prior to permit.
    - D. Hendrickson asked that it be in design standards. J. Csikos asked that it be recorded with the deed.
  - J. Csikos made a motion to approve the easement encroachment at 60 Debra Ln conditional upon a recorded encroachment agreement. T. Brown seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0
  - J. Csikos made a motion to authorize the Building Commissioner to approve/deny easement encroachment requests with the condition the encroachment agreement be recorded. R. Hill seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0

- **Consideration of Proposed Financial Policies**
  - The Council asked to table this discussion until next month so that they can review the red line version.

- **Case 2026-Z-01 PUD Amendment SC Bodner**
  - B. Patrick explained the PUD amendment request by SC Bodner. The Plan Commission provided a 5-0 unfavorable recommendation for a self-storage development proposed for a commercially zoned property.
  - Michael Garvey, SC Bodner, spoke about the amendment request. They proposed changing the site plan to commercial upfront and buffering self-storage on all sides, though concerns were raised about traffic implications and parking limitations.
  - Council members concluded that the concept plan modifications should be reviewed by the Plan Commission before proceeding, with some members expressing mixed feelings about the self-storage component while acknowledging its potential benefits and challenges.

- **Briar Creek Sec.3,4,6 Surface Acceptance & Dedication**
  - B. Patrick discussed the acceptance and dedication of Briar Creek sections 3,4,6. All improvements have been completed and he is asking for acceptance of the maintenance agreements and bonds.
  - T. Brown made a motion to accept dedication and maintenance bonds for Briar Creek 3,4,6 pending legal review. R. Hill seconded the motion.

  PASSED 5-0

Town Manager Report

- J. Jones discussed the 2027 Community Crossings Grant that was submitted.
- J. Jones asked for approval to renew contract with Aspire.
  - **All agreed by consensus. Passed 5-0**

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- J. Jones asked to sign agreement with HWC to help with the Parks Grant.
    - **All agreed by consensus. PASSED 5-0**
- J. Jones discussed the need to change health insurance providers due to SBOA restrictions and provided the Council with the options to consider. Increase of .35% with PHP and Anthem is a 30% increase.
    - J. Jones proposed forming a committee to explore better insurance options for next year.
    - J. Meece raised concerns regarding the lack of communication with the employees regarding the change.
    - R. Hill made a motion selecting PHP for the employee health insurance. T. Brown seconded the motion. **PASSED 5-0**

Department Head Reports

- **Police Department** – K. Polley discussed the packet with monthly stats given to Town Council.
- **Fire Department** – E. Funkhouser discussed monthly stats of the department. He also stated the ISO grading of the fire department will be next week.
    - R. Hill asked for data showing how many runs required a ladder truck in last 5 years.
- **Public Works** – Armando DeSantiago, Public Works Coordinator, updated the Council on the street garage building rebuild.
- **Water** – S. Richards updated the Council on the electrical and safety upgrades. Currently waiting on parts and scheduling.
- **Sewer** – Jesse Jones, Sewer Superintendent, updated the Council on the stats of the sewer department. He also stated that at the drainange board meeting last week regarding the Chadlo project. It was determined the water flow issue is with the bridge. They are going to do some research to determine a fix.

Counsel Comment

Council Comment

- D. Hendrickson thanked Carmen for all she has done for the Town.
- R. Hill asked how the process was going to hire the Town Manager. D. Hendrickson stated that resumes were handed out for review. She asked that the Council give her highlights of the ones they'd like to move forward with and they will start the interview process.

Public Comment

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 10 **of** November**, 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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