

City of Whitwell
Board of Commission

June 11, 2026

6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Mayor Sandra Crabtree.

Invocation was given by Commissioner David Hudson.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Mike Dillon.

Certification of the Sunshine Law was met.

Roll Call-As follows:

1. Mayor Sandra Crabtree- Present
2. Vice-Mayor Mike Dillon- Present
3. Commissioner Jim Nunley- Present
4. Commissioner David Hudson- Present
5. Commissioner Will Adams- Absent
6. City Manager- Lonnie Cleek- Present
7. City Recorder-Carol Condra-Present
8. City Attorney Sarah Willis-Present

Approval of the Agenda- A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Resignation Letter as Item #1 under New Business and renumber the other items was made by Vice-Mayor Dillon, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nunley. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.

Approval of the May 14, 2026 City Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes on May 21, 2026 and June 4, 2026- A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Dillon to approve the minutes from all of these meetings and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nunley. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Resignation Letter-Mayor Crabtree read the letter of resignation from Commissioner Will Adams effective as of June 4, 2026. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Commissioner Hudson, and this motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Dillon. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries. Mayor Crabtree stated that she would like to thank Mr. Adams for his nearly 4 years of service and wished him the best.

2. Ordinance #386 3rd Reading 2026/2027 Budget- A motion to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance #386 was made by Vice-Mayor Dillon, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudson. Mayor Crabtree requested a Roll Call Vote and it is as follows: Mayor Sandra Crabtree yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Dillon yes. Commissioner Jim Nunley no, and Commissioner David Hudson yes. The voting was 3 yes and 1 no. The majority voted yes. Motion carries.
3. Ordinance #385 2025/2026 Budget Amendments 3rd Reading- A motion to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance #385 was made by Vice-Mayor Dillon, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudson. Mayor Crabtree requested a Roll Call Vote and it is as follows: Mayor Sandra Crabtree yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Dillon yes, Commissioner Jim Nunley yes and Commissioner David Hudson yes. The voting was 4 yes and 0 no. The majority ruled yes. Motion carries.
4. Ordinance #384 to Exceed Certified Property Tax Rate 3rd Reading-A motion to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance #384 was made by Vice-Mayor Dillon, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudson. Mayor Crabtree requested a Roll Call Vote and it is as follows: Mayor Sandra Crabtree yes, Vice-Mayor Mike Dillon yes. Commissioner Jim Nunley no, and Commissioner David Hudson yes. The voting was 3 yes and 1 no. The majority voted yes. Motion carries.
5. Ordinance #383 3rd and Final Reading Rezoning (Planning Comm.)- A motion to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance #383 was made by Commissioner Hudson, and this motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Dillon. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.

Old Business

1. Jasper Sewer Bills (Review in June)- Attorney Sarah Willis spoke to Judge Raines a couple of weeks ago, and he said the new system is moving forward. The city will continue billing and review again in July.
2. Streetlights (Tracy Steele) Requested Croy to start. Started but not completed. -Mr. Cleek has talked with Croy, and they are working on it, but not completed.
3. City Shop (Electric & Plumbing Repair Quote) Last quote turned in-Mr. Cleek said the last bid for repairs has been received. Commissioner Hudson asked if the building could be utilized if repaired? There was a discussion concerning how they could use the building. Information will be put together and discussed at the next workshop.
4. Library (Consider City Operated) Table Until Action from County-Mr. Cleek stated that the library questions have rekindled. The executive administrator has resigned. The county looked at the possibility to give more benefits to full time library employees. Plans for another county meeting. The city would like to have some say in decisions for our library. Do we want to pull out? Any recommendations? Mayor Crabtree met with Mayor Jackson and South Pittsburg's mayor. The County Finance Board met again, but no decision was made. The Commission would like to table until the July meeting.
5. Veterans Park Paving-Mr. Cleek stated that previously the veterans had asked if the city could pave the parking area for the Veterans Park? They are non-profit and work from donations. We have obtained quotes from the Marion County Highway Department. Since the city hopes to

start work from the grant soon, it was decided to table this. Perhaps there will be enough funds in the grant to cover cost.

City Manger's Report-given by Lonnie Cleek

1. Mowing (Zero & Tractor)-Mowing as much as possible with as much rain as we have had.
2. Branches and Trash-This remains a constant. A large tree that fell in the park near the tennis court has been cut up and cleared. The fence at the tennis court was damaged by the tree, and unfortunately is not covered by our insurance. We are checking how to fix this issue.
3. Meeting with Chair of County Commission (Money for Senior Center) (Presented to Budget and Finance) Follow up! (Trying for \$10,000)- Lonnie spoke with the chairman of the county commission and Mayor Jackson, and the amount of \$10,000 was presented to the Budget and Finance Committee.
4. LPRG Local Parks and Recreation Grant (Contract Signed & almost Ready for Bids) (Survey Started)- The surveying has started. Hopeful to get bids out soon.
5. Still Meeting with City Attorney (Possible Resolved Sewer Billing)-Mrs. Willis keeps him updated.
6. Quotes for building, wiring and plumbing-previously discussed
7. Croy to begin study for streetlights (Waiting on Study) (Started but not Complete)- Croy is continuing to work on.

City Recorder's Report given by Carol Condra

1. My office is very busy with budget, year-end and new year proceedings. Also getting insurance renewal packets together and working on grants.

Departmental Reports

1. Police Department-No report given. Mr. Cleek stated that he would be starting the interviewing process for a police chief. He was asked how many applications had been turned in? He replied 6 or 7.
2. Fire Department given by Chief Davis-The monthly report for May, 2026 is as follows: total calls 11, average response time 6 minutes, average manpower response 7, total hours on scene 14, in-house training was 4 hours.
3. Library Report- given by Cathy Black- This is for the month of May, 2026. Total Circulation 744, READS Online 428, Computer Users 21, Wireless Users 103, New Cards Issued 22, People Count 355, Reference Transactions 31, Inter Library Loan (loaned) 14, Inter Library Loan (borrowed) 4, Programs & Events Sponsored by the library 1, Number reached at programs inside the library 36, Events not sponsored by the library 8, Number reached at programs outside the library 0, Overall total of library patrons with unexpired library cards 663. She talked about upcoming

events. She said her numbers are on the rise, they have a bible group once a week, American Job Service comes every 3rd Wednesday to help with resumes, and the events from the Summer Reading Program. On June 30th, we will meet at the park to honor America's 250 years, and Mr. JT Shadrick will speak. Chase Hardison resigned, and she will be interviewing for a part-time employee.

4. Senior Citizens Report-No report given. Sandy was on vacation.
5. Saddle Club-No report given.

Committee/Board/Commission Reports

1. Parks and Recreation-No report given. Sandy was on vacation.
2. Planning Commission Board- The next meeting will be June 23, 2026 at 4:00 pm.
3. Neighborhood Nuisance Board- Mr. Cleek said there has been no movement on the two campers so he will send an official letter. The property on North Cedar, the lady has been cited to court, and they did appear before Judge Raines, and he has given 60 days which will be our next city court date to clean up. If they do not have the property cleaned in that time, we will need to have our attorney to start the proceedings with county court.

Legal- previously discussed

Community Comments-

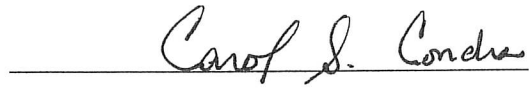
1. Connie Scharer-She introduced herself. She is running for Trustee in the upcoming election. Mrs. Diane Massengale is retiring after 18 years, and she has worked with Diane for 16 years. She knows the job and would appreciate the vote.
2. Deb Troyer- She would like to ask the commission to make information easily accessible to the public. She said she understood the need for a tax increase, but the talk about purchasing 9 new vehicles at one time was scary to the individual. The city should explain that we can purchase under a state bid that controls cost, and we have a payment plan in place. Mayor Crabtree stated that we would look into more open information for public.

Announcements-. City of Whitwell will have early voting at City Hall on July 27th and 28th 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The next city meeting will be July 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Mayor Dillon, and this motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudson. All Commissioners voted yes. Motion carries.

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Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol S. Concha", written over a horizontal line.

City Recorder