Town Council Meeting August 4, 2026

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present also.

Under communications from citizens and property owners, Sarah Beth Minton, the town librarian, gave an update on the library. Summer reading was up and the adult programs had a break this summer but have started back with a lot of participation. Mayor Warren commended Mrs. Minton on the great job she was doing at the library.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, the minutes of the June 16, 2026 Special Called meeting were unanimously approved. An error was found in the minutes last month with the wrong date.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Marshall, the minutes of the July 7, 2026 council meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Voiles, Ordinance #6-26, rezoning Parcel 4.00 beside The Gathering on State Street from R-1 to C-2, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second and final reading.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Walker, Resolution #26-8, authorizing the water department to participate in a safety grant, passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mrs. Arwood, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to appoint Jake Cox to serve on the Industrial Development Board.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mrs. Walker, it was unanimously voted to approve a two-year moratorium for Data Systems for the Planning Commission.

On a motion from Mr. Wood, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to start the slum clearance process for the Lindsey property on Main Street.

Sgt. Eric Ramsey reported the police department news in Chief Cotters absence. He also commended Isaac Owens on a recent finding of a gentleman stealing catalytic convertors off of the Strange Auto Parts property.

The fire department reports were given to the board in Chief Layman's absence.

Mr. Woods reported on the planning commission meeting. The county asked that we pass a resolution on zoning for solar and wind powered energy, with members passing the agreement. A subdivide on Witt Road was approved and the Data Center moratorium was also discussed. The board will do training at the October meeting.

Under recreation news, Mr. Wilson reported that Total Property Mgt had been back to do some warranty work on the football field with the town incurring the cost of re-seeding the remainder of the field for $850. Lighting is working great, and a new scoreboard has been purchased by White Pine School. Chief Cotter is arranging someone to install the new scoreboard. The sign has also been ordered for the Sanders/Cate Field. Pine Fest has 116 vendors so far. The Halloween and Christmas festivities are being planned as well.

Mr. Stewart gave the board updates on water and sewer. TDEC just completed a sanitary survey and it went well. A letter has already been drafted to address any of the questions they had. The sewer plant is working on getting a de-watering press grant to help with doing the land apply. The Coldwell trailer park has asked about completing the forty lots in the back of the park. The lines and pumping station were installed in 2007.

Mr. Rednour reported on the clean up day and the busy mowing season. If the board sees any of the right-of-way that need cleaning up to contact him.

Under new business, Mr. Marshall made a motion to restrict the parking in Whispering Pines Subdivision. The restriction should only allow residents to park on the sides opposite of the fire hydrants and facing the flow of traffic. Mrs. Walker made a second to the motion and all members were in favor. It was further discussed to have Sgt Ramsey, Mr. Rednour, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wilson, to work on signs, flyers, and maps plus have a community event to educate everyone.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to make a one-way street on the east side of State to Chandler Street, and also declare that a " no-thru trucks" zone.

Mrs. Arwood asked if the town has an ordinance that prohibits waste from being put in the garbage. Mr. Rednour stated that liquids were not supposed to be in cans. And that he normally will talk to the resident where this happens and let them know this is prohibited.

On a motion from Mrs. Arwood, second from Mrs. Voiles, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

Under announcements, Mayor Warren reminded everyone that next Tuesday, August 11, the Industrial Development board will be meeting and the planning commission the following Tuesday, August 18. Election is this Thursday, August 6.

On a motion from Mrs. Voiles, second from Mr. Marshall, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Glen E. Warren, Mayor

Alyson P. Susong, Recorder