

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Minutes
February 19, 2026
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order by the Mayor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor John Corbitt at 7:00pm.

2. Prayer by Community Pastor

Pastor Paul Edwards of White House First United Methodist Church led the prayer.

3. Pledge by Aldermen

The Pledge to the American Flag was led by Mayor Corbitt.

4. Roll Call

Mayor Corbitt – Present; Ald. Matthews - Present; Ald. Sisk – Present; Ald. Spicer– Present; Ald. Wall – Present;
Quorum – Present.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed**

6. Approval of the Minutes from the January 15th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

Motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Sisk to approve the minutes. The January 15th Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting minutes were approved.

7. Welcome Visitors

Mayor Corbitt welcomed all visitors.

8. Proclamations

- a. Lucas McNamara – United States Marines
- b. White House Methodist Church – Warming Center Response

9. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

10. Public Hearings

- a. None

11. Communication from Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney, and City Administrator

Alderman Matthews thanked CEMC and Public Works for their hard work during the ice storm.

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Mayor Corbitt said he would like to echo what the other Alderman had stated and wanted to specifically thank CEMC for their work in restoring power to the community.

City Administrator Gerald Herman stated that Winter Storm Fern was disastrous and caused power outages and damage to property throughout the whole community. Mr. Herman gave special thanks to the City’s team of Public Services Director Isaiah Manfredi, Chief of Police Pat Brady, and Fire Chief Rob Brewer. Mr. Herman mentioned that they were in constant communication throughout the several days of storm event. Mr. Herman thanked Blake Pierce, Robertson County EMA Director, who had daily briefings with them and other county leaders where they kept each other informed. Mr. Herman also thanked the American Red Cross for delivering cots and blankets to the city to keep people warm in the Municipal building. Mr. Herman thanked Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Whittaker and his wife Whitney Whittaker, for staffing the warming center the first night. Mr. Herman thanked Administrative Services Director Derek Watson for working with him to get information out to the public and for staffing the second night at the warming center. Mr. Herman thanked Wastewater Director Travis Garmon for mobilizing his staff to address over two hundred calls for service and replacing over eighty low pressure grinder pumps. Mr. Herman also thanked all the employees that mobilized to help the city. Mr. Herman thanked Mayor Corbitt for participating and helping us keep the community informed through social media. Mr. Herman mentioned that Mayor Corbitt helped declare a formal disaster declaration for the City which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Herman thanked the entire Board for trusting City staff to do our primary function of excellent public services in the most difficult of scenarios.

City Administrator Gerald Herman discussed that driving around the city there are piles of bush and yet many more to come. Mr. Herman mentioned that Public Services have mobilized both of their brush trucks, and requested their team pick up brushes six days a week for the next month or two if needed. Mr. Herman stated that such disaster situations state law does allow the city to openly burn the brush, and that he met with Public Services Director Isaiah Manfredi, Fire Chief Brewer, Fire Safety Inspector Jimmy Johnson to discuss options. Mr. Herman discussed that the best method for them, due to many factors, was to use an air curtain burner to dispose of the brush. Mr. Herman stated that Mr. Manfredi reached out to the Public Works Director at the City of Portland to see if he knew of a vendor that had one, and fortunately, the City of Portland had one and Mayor Callis said we could borrow theirs. Mr. Herman mentioned that we signed a three-month agreement for the equipment, and that Fire Department personnel will be making daily visits to the site to verify proper use. Mr. Herman thanked the City of Portland and Mayor Callis for helping us dispose of brush by lending the equipment.

City Administrator Gerald Herman announced that Request for Proposals for a consultant to help with the City Administrator replacement closed today at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Herman mentioned that there were ten proposals submitted. Mr. Herman continued that Purchasing agent/Risk Manager Renee Wilson will be emailing the Board a packet to review. Mr. Herman stated that Ms. Wilson’s plan is to email the proposals but also to be able to offer you the ability to electronically review and evaluate the proposals on the new OpenGov system. Mr. Herman mentioned that he is asking for the Board to meet in special study session an hour prior to your March Board meeting to discuss the evaluations publicly.

12. Acknowledge Reports

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| A. General Government | E. Fire | I. Parks & Recreation |
| B. Finance | F. Public Services | I. Library |
| C. Human Resources | G. Wastewater | J. Municipal Court |
| D. Police | H. Planning & Codes | |

Motion was made by Ald. Matthews second by Ald. Spicer to acknowledge reports and order them filed. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

13. Consideration of the Following Resolutions:

- a. **Resolution 26-01:** A resolution approving certain amendments and revisions to the Personnel Manual.

Motion was made by Ald. Matthews, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Sisk to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed. Resolution 26-01 was approved.**

- b. **Resolution 26-02:** A resolution adopting Section 125 Premium Only Plan for the Plan Year ending March 31, 2027.

Motion was made by Ald. Sisk, second by Ald. Spicer to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Sisk, second by Ald. Matthews to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed. Resolution 26-02 was approved.**

- c. **Resolution 26-03:** A resolution amending the Schedule of Fees for the Recreation Center.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed. Resolution 26-03 was approved.**

14. Consideration of the Following Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance 26-01:** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code Title 2 Chapter 1 Leisure Services Board Sections 2-102, 2-105, and 2-108. *First Reading.*

Motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Sisk to discuss. After discussion, motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Sisk to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Ordinance 26-01 was approved on First Reading.**

15. Purchasing

- a. To approve or reject the bid in the amount of \$871,468.75 for the US-31W and SR258 Intersection Improvements project and authorize City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into a contract with Tugson Group, Inc. for this service. The City Administrator recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Matthews to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- b. To approve or reject the bid in the amount of \$272,697.90 for the Dog Park Parking Lot project and authorize City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into a contract with Rogers Group, Inc. for this service. The Parks and Recreation Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Matthews to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Spicer to approve. A voice vote was called for with the voting as follows Mayor Corbitt – aye; Ald. Matthews - no; Ald. Sisk – aye; Ald. Spicer– aye; Ald. Wall – aye. **Motion passed.**

- c. To approve or reject authorizing City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into a four (4) year agreement with Casey Morton for catering weekly senior lunches. The Parks and Recreation Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Spicer to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- d. To approve or reject the bid in the amount of \$215,712.67 for a concrete pad for the Public Services Storage Building project and authorize City Administrator Gerald Herman to enter into a contract with Axis Construction. for this service. The Public Services Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Sisk to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Sisk to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- e. To approve or reject the sole source purchase of seventy-six (76) E-One pumps from Wascon, Inc. in the total amount of \$99,456.64. The Wastewater Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Sisk to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Matthews, second by Ald. Wall to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

16. Other Business

- a. To approve or reject Willis Towers Watson's recommendations for Cigna Healthcare for medical, vision, LIFE/AD&D and long-term disability insurance coverage, Abacus for short-term disability insurance coverage, and Delta Dental for dental insurance coverage for plan year ending March 31, 2027. The Human Resources Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Wall, second by Ald. Spicer to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Sisk to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- b. To approve or reject the City absorbing the 8% increase in health insurance premiums for the plan year ending March 31, 2026. The Human Resources Director recommends approval.

Motion was made by Ald. Sisk, second by Ald. Wall to discuss. After discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Spicer to 50/50 split the increase of 8% by City and employees, second by Ald. Sisk to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

- c. To approve or reject scheduling a Study Session with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on March 19th at 6:00 pm to review proposals from firms for Executive Recruitment Services for the City Administrator position.

Motion was made by Ald. Spicer, second by Ald. Sisk to approve. A voice vote was called for with all members voting aye. **Motion passed.**

17. Discussion Items

- a. None

18. Other Information

- a. None

19. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

ATTEST:

John Corbitt, Mayor

Derek Watson, City Recorder