



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Regular Meeting
MINUTES
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
April 03, 2018
6:30 p.m.

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public, with Mayor Looney presiding and the following members present:

Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen
Councilmember Bart Bodine
Councilmember Russell Ponder
Councilmember John Simon

Others present: City Secretary Tona Shippet, Kathy Capps, Tabitha Perdue, Jamie Lawrence, Laura Freer, Lance Freer, Gwyn Jordan, Betty Pritchett, Tina Dodson, Skee Dodson, Renee Smith, Barry Smith, Kim Guffee, Bill Danbe, Jake Hartline, Chris Douglas, Randy Glover, June Gail Purdom, Annette Snider, Roger Palmer, Jennifer Weatherford, Kristi Pritchett

1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:

Mayor Looney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and established a Quorum. Councilmembers Owen, Bodine, Ponder, and Simon were present. George Fenner was absent.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Bodine gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens Forum: (State law prohibits the City Council from considering or deliberating on any item not listed on the posted City Council agenda. A person may address the Council on items not on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. The Council may not comment or deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Any discussion of the subjects must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Sec. 551.042 of Open Meeting Act).

Oscar Smith, Kaye Smith Greenwood and Shirley Ballard addressed the council individually with concerns regarding police traffic stops during Church Service in the church parking area on two recent Sundays. They stated that it was disrespectful, disruptive and appeared targeted. They questioned the use of police unit red and blue lights and the need for use of loud speaker.

4. Consent Agenda:

- * Minutes from March 6, 2018 Regular Council meeting.
- * Current bills for payment.
- * Review of March bills paid to date.
- * Departmental reports: Library, EMS, Police, Fire, Public Works, Court.
- * Financials: Ad Volorum taxes received for the month of February.

Councilmember Simon moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Action Items:

5a. Consider and act upon Kristi Pritchett's request regarding repair of W. Bois D' Arc street, request for fencing to enclose the mobile home park, and request for increased solid waste requirements. Mayor Looney approved request to be placed on agenda.

Councilmember Owen moved to request the City Secretary contact TCOG and to research ownership of the roads in Westside Mobile Home park including pulling the plat, follow up with Grayson Co. Precinct 2 Road and Bridges on the quote for repair of Bois D'Arc Street Councilmember Simon amended the motion to add checking on the zoning and annexation of the Mobile Home Park. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5b. Consider and proclaim the Month of May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

Councilmember Simon moved to proclaim the Month of May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5c. Consider and proclaim May 11 – 17 as National Police Week.

Councilmember Owen moved to proclaim the May 11-17 as National Police Week. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5d. Consider and act upon Resolution # 453 canceling the Special Municipal Election on May 5th for Place 5 City Council and declare George Fenner elected to Place 5 for a 1 year term.

Councilmember Simon moved to approve Resolution # 453 canceling the Special Municipal Election and declaring George Fenner elected to Place 5 for a 1 year term. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5e. Consider and act upon replacement of Police unit 302 that was totaled.

Councilmember Owen moved to table the action. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5f. Consider and approve adding \$1500.00 Deposit for Bulk Water Meters with back flow assembly to the Fee Schedule in lieu of the \$1000.00 deposit for a bulk water meter that was approved March 6, 2018 to be added to the Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the fee change. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5g. Consider and act upon rate increase by Sanitation Solutions of 6.93 percent to be effective May 1, 2018.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the rate increase. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Councilman Simon voting against.

5h. Consider, discuss, and act upon City hiring and firing authority for all city personnel.

Councilmember Owen moved to delegate all department head hiring and firing authority to the city council with the Mayors recommendation and an amendment to the personnel manual. Motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Simon moved to put EMS, Library and Public Works department head hiring and firing authority to the city council with the Mayors recommendation. Councilman Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Councilman Ponder voting against.

5i. Consider and act upon Ordinance # 532 establishing an organizational chart for municipal operation.

Councilmember Owen moved to table the action. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Informational Reports: (These reports are for information only. No discussion is appropriate unless there is a specific item listed below or there is a request that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda as a discussion and action item. Sec. 551.0415 of Open Meetings Act):

6a. Mayor's Report:

Update on Projects: Brownfield Grant final meeting April 25th at 6:00 PM, 111 W. Grand

New Projects:

6b. Council Concerns: Councilmember Simon inquired about the Nursing Home. City Secretary Tona Shiptlet notified the council that the taxes are 3 years behind and that she has emailed the Law firm who handles litigation on back taxes.

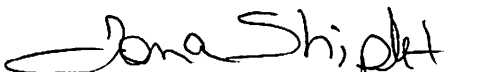
The council requested an update on the road equipment and Mayor Looney gave the update.


6c. Future Agenda Items: Councilmember Simon requested that live broadcast of meetings on the internet be added to the next agenda. Councilmember Owen requested the organizational chart be added to the next meeting.

7. Adjourn:

Councilmember Owen moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:


Tona Shiptlet, City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney, Mayor