



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
March 7, 2017
Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright held a Public Hearing on March 7, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. at the Whitewright Visitor's Center. The following request was considered:

Mayor Looney called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 P.M. and established a quorum with Council members John Simon, Russell Ponder, Jason Summers, Bart Bodine and Ruby Howell present.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 2, 2017 and voted 4-1 to recommend to City Council to Deny the request from Martinek Grain for the purpose of a zoning change and Specific Use Permit in the 100 Block of East Locust, 100 Block of East Walnut, 100 Block of East Elm and 100 Block of East Cedar in the City of Whitewright, Grayson County, Texas as shown by OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 7, Lot 17 thru 28, identified as property ID 170864; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 7, Lot 1 & E ½ of Lot 2, Acres .2587, identified as property ID 170858; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 7, Lot part of 2 & 3, 50 x 142, Acres 0.163, identified as property ID 170859; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 7, Lot part of 3 and all of 4 and 5, 125 x 142, acres 0.4075, identified as property ID 170860; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 8, Lot 1 thru 5 and 20 - 22, identified as property ID 170865; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 8, Lot 6, identified as property ID 170866; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 8, Lot 7, identified as property ID 170867; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 8, Lot 18, identified as property ID 170874; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 8, Lot 19, identified as property ID 170875; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 9, 150 x 200 x 150 x 227 x 302 x 506, identified as property ID 170876; OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 9, Lot 17, 50 x 150, identified as property ID 170881; Business personal property Whitewright Feed Store - 116 E. Elm, identified as property ID 356645 of the Grayson County Appraisal District of Grayson County, Texas presently classified as Manufacturing/Industrial District; Light (M-1) AND presently classified as Two-Family Residential (Duplex) District (TF) TO BE designated as Manufacturing/Industrial District; Heavy (M-2) with a SPECIAL USE PERMIT to bring the SOUTH Elevator into conforming use; AND to bring the NORTH Elevator into conforming use; AND installation and use of liquid fertilizer storage tanks. Commission to recommend on Zoning change only. If approved, Board of Adjustments would meet and consider Specific Use Permit and installation of fertilizer tanks.

a. Citizens Comments

- Wende Andrew spoke against the zoning change.**
- Willie Ballard spoke against the zoning change.**
- Oscar C. Smith spoke against the zoning change.**
- Sarah Owen spoke against the zoning change.**
- Debbie Wilson spoke against the zoning change.**
- Barbara Hughes spoke against the zoning change.**
- Kaye Smith Greenwood spoke against the zoning change.**
- Shirley Ballard spoke against the zoning change.**
- June G. Purdom spoke against the zoning change.**
- Sally Obrien spoke against the zoning change.**
- Larry Jordan spoke against the zoning change.**
- Mark Millar spoke on behalf of Martinek Grain and requested the City Council to vote in favor of the zone change.**

b. Council Members Comments

No Council Comments

c. Close Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 5:52 PM

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Councilmember	Bart Bodine
Councilmember	Russell Ponder
Councilmember	Ruby Howell
Councilmember	John Simon
Councilmember	Jason Summers

Others present: Mayor, Jeremiah Looney, Tona Shippet, Frank Brown, Oscar Smith, Randy McBroom, Willie Ballard, Mike Martin, Mark Millar, Sarah Owen, Sherry Frank, Abby Fenner, Anita Richardson, Kay Smith Greenwood, Barbara Hughes, Brandon Latimer, Kathy Capps, Tabitha Perdue, June Gail Purdom, Connie Magers, Rita Ballard, Shirley Ballard, Lorraine M. Griffin, Roger Palmer, Jaimee Owens, Gregory Owens, Donnie Martinek, Donald Martinek, Gwyn Jordan, Rebekah Fenner, Linda Malone, Debbie Wilson, Wende Andrew, Beau Heistand, Dwayne Henderson, Sally Obrien, Chris Ely, Larry Jordan, Debbie Wilson, Rick Magers and Terri Cook.

1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:

Mayor Looney called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:53 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given and led by Councilmember Jason Summers.

3. Action Items:

3a. Approval of Minutes from the Called Meeting dated February 7, 2017:

Councilmember John Simon made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting. Councilmember Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

4. 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).*

Mike Martin inquired as to the status of the fiscal audit, emphasized the importance of the audit, stated that it is a 2-3 month process and usually complete by the end of March. He added that it is imperative to have the audit complete in order to meet the budget deadlines.

Sarah Owen spoke to rebut remarks made by Mark Millar on behalf of Martinek Grain.

Kaye Smith Greenwood spoke to comment on Martinek Grains lack of concern for the neighborhood and the people's well being.

Action Items:

5. Action Items:

5a. Consider and approve current bills for payment:

Councilmember Ruby Howell made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Russell Ponder seconded the motion.

Motion carried. 5-0

5b. Consider and approve Monthly Departmental Reports:

After each monthly report was reviewed, Councilmember John Simon made a motion to approve the Monthly Departmental Reports. Councilmember Russell Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

5c. Review and Act Upon: Employees Time Cards and Payroll Reports

Bank Statements and Reconciliation Reports from October 2016 – January 2017

All Invoices Paid and Pending for the Whitewright Police Dept. and EMS.

Councilmember Ruby Howell commended Public Works Director Brandon Latimer on his management of Public Works including Employees, maintenance of wells and sewer plant, and scheduling to alleviate overtime.

Councilmember Ruby Howell stated that the purchase and outfitting of the 2014 Tahoe for the Police Department saved the city a significant amount of money compared to a new vehicle. The Police Department vehicle being taken out of service is being assigned to the Fire Department for use as a command vehicle.

Councilmember Ruby Howell stated that EMS had a higher than usual cost for the month due to expired medications and supplies.

Councilmember John Simon made a motion to table any further discussion regarding Employees Time Cards and Payroll Reports, Bank Statements and Reconciliation Reports from October 2016 – January 2017 and All Invoices Paid and Pending for the Whitewright Police Dept. and EMS. Councilmember Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0,

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- 5d. Consider and Approve Contract with FAMBRO Construction for Waterline Relocation in Creek Crossing:
Councilmember Ruby Howell made a motion to approve contract with FAMBRO Construction. Councilmember John Simon Seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5e. Consider and Act On Request from the Planning and Zoning Commission to Deny the Request by Martinek Grain for a Zoning Change and Specific Use Permit:
Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to Deny the Request by Martinek Grain for a Zoning Change and Specific Use Permit. Seconded by Bart Bodine. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Council may convene into Executive Session for: Deliberation on Personnel Matters:** (Texas Government Code, Section 551.074) – deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or Employee.

6a. City Personnel:

Executive Session canceled. Interim City Secretary Tona Shiplet accepted the salary package as offered and is now the City Secretary.

Council may re-convene into Regular Session

7. **Action Items:** Consider and act upon items listed under Item 6 – Executive Session as necessary:
See 6a.

8. **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):

8a. Mayor's Report:

Update on Projects: The Lift Station grant has a start date of April 6 with a 160 day timeframe for completion. The Water Creek line is awaiting blueprints to be finalized to get a start date.

New Projects: The City will purchase a sound system for future meetings.

Comments: The Mayor commended the citizens in attendance and encouraged citizens to attend all council meetings regardless of the vote. Input is essential in guiding the council and bringing the community together.

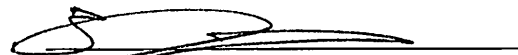
8b. Council Concerns: None

9. Adjourn:

Councilmember John Simon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jason Summers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST BY:


Tona Shiplet – City Secretary


Jeremiah Loency - Mayor