



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Regular Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
December 6, 2016
Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

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

Others present: Mayor, Jeremiah Looney, Gwyn Jordan, Laurie Summers, Sarah Owen, Brandon Latimer, Tona Shiplet, Dwayne Henderson, Mike Martin, Beau Heistand, Roger Palmer, Cathy Pierce, Chris Ely, Austin Layman, June Gail Purdom, Donnie Martinek, Mark Miller, Martha Mangrum, Randy Glover, Connie Magers, Rick Magers,

1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:

Mayor Looney called the meeting to order with the above Council members present at 5:30.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Jason Summers led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

3. Action Items:

3a. Approval of Minutes from the Called Meeting dated November 1, 2016 meeting:

Councilmember John Simon made the motion to accept the minutes from November 1, 2016 meeting, Councilmember Bart Bodine seconded, 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).*

Randy Glover spoke in opposition of Mayor Looney

Tona Shiplet spoke as a citizen of Whitewright in support of Mayor Looney

June Gail Purdom spoke in support of Mayor Looney

5. Action Items:

5a. Consider and approve current bills for payment:

Councilmember John Simon made the motion to accept the current bills for payment, Councilmember Ruby Howell seconded, Motion carried 5-0.

5b. Consider and approve Monthly Departmental Reports:

Monthly reports were submitted by each Department Head. Councilmember John Simon made the motion to accept the Monthly Reports, Councilmember Russell Ponder seconded the motion, Motion carried 5-0.

5c. Consider and discuss Martinek Grain Request for Placement on Agenda regarding revocation of permit and rezoning:

Mark Miller with Martinek Grain was present and spoke about the stop order issued to them due to Zoning infractions. The original permit should not have been issued. Mr. Miller stated that they had \$100,000.00 invested and would like to know what to do to be able to get this project back on board. He was advised that he would have to go before Planning and Zoning.

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- 5d. Consider and approve city fee increase to offset Sanitation Solutions increase for services and add fees to Fee Schedule:
Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to table the approval of the fee increase for Sanitation Solutions until seeing the contract, Councilmember John Simon seconded, motion carried 5-0.
- 5e. Consider and approve moving EMS/Police to Civic Center/City Hall while remodel of station being performed:
Councilmember John Simon made a motion to approve moving EMS/Police to Civic Center/City Hall while remodel of station being performed, Councilmember Bart Bodine seconded, Motion carried 5-0
- 5f. Consider and approve request to 4B board for financial assistance with remodel of EMS/Police station:
Councilmember Ruby Howell made a motion to table until the January Regular Meeting once some actual numbers could be obtained, Councilmember Russell Ponder seconded, Motion carried 5-0.
- 5g. Consider and approve cashing in Public Safety Bond:
Councilmember Ruby Howell made a motion to table until we can get the signature card updated at Cendera Bank, Councilmember Russell Ponder seconded, Motion carried 5-0.
- 5h. Consider and approve purchase of Digital Video and Radar Equipment for new police unit:
Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to table the approval of purchase of Digital Video and Radar Equipment until further quotes could be obtained, Councilmember John Simon seconded, Motion carried 5-0.

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 **Mayor Looney stated the sealed bids for the Lift Station project would be opened on Friday at 3:00.**

The City as well as 4B has rented and placed a chain link fence around the old nursing home.

The new apartments will be adding a turning lane on Echols Lane in front of the High School for safety.

New Projects

None

6b. Council Concerns

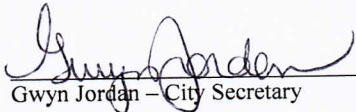
Councilmember Jason Summers stated that he wished the Council had been informed of the Mayor's situation before the media broke the story so that they would be unified and prepared to make statements. He stated that he thought they should meet to compose an official response.

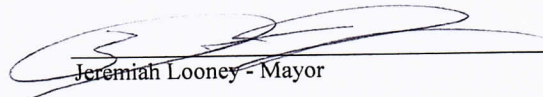
7. Adjourn:

Councilmember John Simon made a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST BY:


 Gwyn Jordan - City Secretary


 Jeremiah Looney - Mayor