



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
 City Council
 Special Meeting
 Whitewright Visitor Center
 111 W. Grand
 May 16, 2017
 Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2017 in the Whitewright Visitors Center, The same being open to the public with the following members present:

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| Councilmember | Bart Bodine |
| Councilmember | Russell Ponder |
| Councilmember | Ruby Howell |
| Councilmember | John Simon |

Councilmember Jason Summers was absent

Others present: Mayor, Jeremiah Looney, Gwyn Jordan, Roger Palmer, Anita Richardson, Sarah Owen, Beau Heistand, Greg Owens, Jamie Owens, and Leslie Blanton

- I.**
1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:
Mayor Looney called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:30 p.m.
 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given and led by Councilmember Bart Bodine.

- II.** Action Items:
1. Consider and approve Minutes of Regular Meeting dated May 2, 2017:
Councilmember Russell Ponder moved to approve the minutes dated May 2, 2017. Councilmember John Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
 2. Canvas of votes from the municipal election on May 6, 2017.
Mayor Jeremiah Looney certified the election by canvassing the votes. Councilmember John Simon made a motion to accept the Canvas of votes. Councilmember Bart Bodine seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

- III.** **SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS:** At this time, Mayor Looney will give the oath to Councilmembers for their prospective seats on the Council.
Mayor Jeremiah Looney swore in the newly elected Council members, Gregory Owens, Sarah Beth Owen, Bart Bodine and John Simon. The new Councilmembers were seated in their respective seats.

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| Councilmember | Sarah Beth Owen |
| Councilmember | Bart Bodine |
| Councilmember | Russell Ponder |
| Councilmember | John Simon |
| Councilmember | Gregory Owens |

- IV.** Action Items:
1. Consider and appoint Mayor Pro Tem.
Councilmember John Simon made a motion to appoint Russell Ponder as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Bart Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
 2. Consider and approve Signatory Names for financial business with Independent Bank, Cendera Bank and any other discovered or contracted financial institutions as being Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Secretary.
Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen made a motion to approve Signatory Names for financial business with Independent Bank, Cendera Bank and any other discovered or contracted financial institutions as being Mayor Jeremiah Looney, Mayor Pro Tem Russell Ponder and City Secretary Tona Shipleet. Councilmember Greg Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

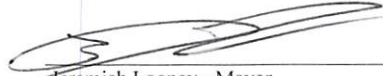
3. Consider and Act on request by the PURPLE HEART ASSOCIATION to install a Purple Heart memorial bench and memorial to Christian "Jake" Chandler near the Vietnam Memorial and construct walkway connecting existing walkway to the Vietnam Memorial at the Nature Park. Hope Concrete is donating the concrete, Caraway Concrete is donating the labor and Jerry Woods is donating the remaining materials.
Councilmember John Simon made a motion to approve the request by the PURPLE HEART ASSOCIATION to install a Purple Heart memorial bench and memorial to Christian "Jake" Chandler near the Vietnam Memorial and construct walkway connecting existing walkway to the Vietnam Memorial at the Nature Park. Councilmember Russell Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Consider and Act on USDA Grant Resolution and Grant Agreement for the Waterline Relocation in Creek Crossing Project WTW-004.
Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to approve the USDA Grant Resolution and Grant Agreement for the Waterline Relocation in Creek Crossing Project WTW-004. Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consider and Act on TxDot Resolution to apply for Sidewalk grant for Grand Street, Sears Street, Pine Street and Highland Ave. Chief Beau Heistand passed out maps to clarify to Council members where the proposed sidewalks would be built. It was discussed that the city would be responsible for a 20% match of the total grant but could trade in services.
Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen made a motion to apply for Sidewalk grant for Grand Street, Sears Street, Pine Street and Highland Avenue. Councilmember Gregory Owens seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Adjourn

Councilmember John Simon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST BY:


Tona Shipler - City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney - Mayor