



City of Whitewright  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Whitewright Visitor Center  
111 W. Grand  
September 4, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
**MINUTES**

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 04, 2018 at 6:31 P.M. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Mayor	Jamie Lawrence
Councilmember	Sarah Beth Owen
Councilmember	Bart Bodine
Councilmember	George Fenner
Councilmember	Randy Glover (Video Conference)

Councilmember Magers was absent.

Others in attendance: City Secretary Tona Shiptet, Gwyn Jordan, John Simon, Kim Palmer, Jan Sager, Clay Barnett, Martha Mangrum, County Judge Bill Magers, Dwayne Henderson, Chris Ely, Marilyn Daniel, Annette Snider, June G. Purdom, Chris Douglas

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Call to order by the Mayor.

*Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.*

**2. INVOCATION**

*Kenneth Franklin led the invocation.*

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

Jamie Lawrence – Mayor  
Rick Magers

Sarah Beth Owen  
Randy Glover – Mayor Pro-Tem

Bart Bodine  
George Fenner

*Mayor Lawrence opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**5. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018-2019**

The City Council for the City of Whitewright, Texas will hold one public hearing on the 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget of the City of Whitewright, Texas on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitors Center located at 111 W. Grand Ave, in Whitewright, Texas. The meeting will be held for the purpose of receiving community input on the Budget, which will cover the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

a. Citizen Comments

*None*

b. Council Comments

*Councilmember Owen had questions regarding the current Statement of Revenues and Expenses. Ms. Shiptet stated that City Hall staff will go over the Statement of Revenues and Expenses and make corrections and present at the first quarterly departmental review along with the first quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenses.*

c. Close Hearing

*Mayor Lawrence closed the public hearing at 6:46 P.M.*

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## PUBLIC HEARING

### 6. PROPOSED TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.643040 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.643040 PER \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.661114 PER \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.595410 PER \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.643040 PER \$100

#### a. Citizens Comments

*None*

#### b. Council Comments

*Councilmember Glover inquired if the City had met all statutory requirements for the budget and tax rate. Ms. Shiplet affirmed that all requirements had been met. Thursday September 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM was selected as the date to adopt the budget, tax rate and ratify the tax rate.*

#### c. Close Hearing

*Mayor Lawrence closed the hearing at 6:52 PM*

**7. CITIZEN 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)*  
*No one addressed the council.*

**8. CONSENT AGENDA** *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

**8.1** \*To approve bills paid in August, 2018

**8.2** \*To review Ad Vorum taxes received for the month of July

**8.3** \*Approve Minutes

\*a. August 27, 2018

**8.4** \*Report from Fire Department – Chief Dwayne Henderson

Incident County, Incident Type, Statistics, Responding Personnel, Grants, and equipment maintenance.

**8.5** \*Report from Library Director – Chris Ely

Library statistics

**8.6** \*Report from Public Works Director – Brandon Latimer

Leaks, New Well Construction, Wastewater Plant, Wells, Towers, Meters

**8.7** \*Report from Water Utility Clerk – Brandi Robinson

Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers

**8.8** \*Report from Police Department – Chief Rick Webber

Fuel Consumption, citations issued

**8.9** \*Report from Court Clerk – Brandi Robinson

Activity report

**8.10** \*Report from EMS Department – Chris Douglas

Number of runs, fuel consumption, repairs to ambulance

**8.11** \*Financial Reports – Tona Shiplet

Current financial reports.

*Councilmember Glover moved to remove item 8.8 and 8.11 from the consent agenda and had questions regarding the other reports. He questioned if oral reports would still be given every council meeting. Mayor Lawrence stated that it was decided to go with written reports since generally they are not complete when the agenda is posted since regular meetings were the first Tuesday of every month. Councilmember Owen explained that in the previous meeting it was decided to do a quarterly budget and departmental review with each department. Councilmember Glover restated his motion to remove item 8.8 and 8.11 from the consent agenda and to approve the remaining items. Councilmember Bodine seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Councilmember Owen abstained.*

## **8.8 \*Report from Police Department – Chief Rick Webber**

Fuel Consumption, citations issued

*Councilmember Glover questioned the status of arrest reports and details. Chief Webber stated that arrest reports are current to date. Councilmember Owen stated that there was a start date to the mandated reporting and a question if that report could be shared in a public meeting. Councilmember Glover requested the status of this report be included in the Chief's monthly report. Councilmember Glover moved to approve the Police Departmental report. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

## **8.11 \*Financial Reports – Tona Shiplet**

*Councilmember Glover inquired if department heads received the financial report. Ms. Shiplet stated not at the moment. Glover inquired if Ms. Shiplet was confident in the numbers. Ms. Shiplet stated that she was confident in accounts receivable and accounts payable but would not confirm at this time if every entry was coded to hit the correct GL code at this time. Glover requested to start including 4A and 4B financial reports to monthly reports. Councilmember Glover moved to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Councilmember Owen abstained.*

**A brief recess was called.**

**The meeting reconvened.**

## **9. Report from Mayor – Jamie Lawrence**

Status on audits, update on Police Department, upcoming calendar events, Remembrance of 9-11, Coffee with the Mayor on first and third Fridays of each month at 111 W. Grand at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Whitewright Elementary will be having a fundraiser on October 12<sup>th</sup> to raise money for their campus. Chamber of Commerce will be having the Golf Tournament on September 17<sup>th</sup> and on November 3<sup>rd</sup> they will be having a parade to honor our Veterans leading to the "Our Town Craft Fair" to be held at the High School. There will be more details to follow. Meet at the Flag Pole is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at the high school. The Nursing Home sold today. Taxes were paid immediately and the new owners will pay the city lien when the six months for the previous owner to claim expires.

## **10. ACTION ITEMS**

- 10.1** Approve MPO Thoroughfare - Presentation by Clay Barnett and introduced by County Judge Bill Magers.  
*Councilmember Owen moved to approve the MPO Thoroughfare as presented. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*
- 10.2** Consider and approve TCOG GIS interlocal agreement  
*Councilmember Owen moved to approve the TCOG-GIS FY 2019 interlocal agreement in the amount of \$4,800.00. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*
- 10.3** Consider and act on accepting the TASA Grant  
*Councilmember Glover moved to decline the TASA grant for lack of funding. Motion died for lack of a second. Councilmember Fenner moved to postpone until complete info is received and this is the last postponement. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Councilmember Glover voting nay.*
- 10.4** Consider and act on TASA Grant funding from Government Capital  
*Councilmember Fenner moved to postpone until complete info is received. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Councilmember Glover voting nay.*

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Council moved into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.*

The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.071, Consultation with Attorney: to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (TOMA).

- a. Agenda, information and meeting procedures
- b. Document and information procedures for council

- c. Use of facilities
- d. Council procedures

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

**12. RECONVENE**

Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.  
*Council reconvened at 9:28 P.M. and there was no action taken.*

**13. COUNCIL COMMENTS** regarding recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events.

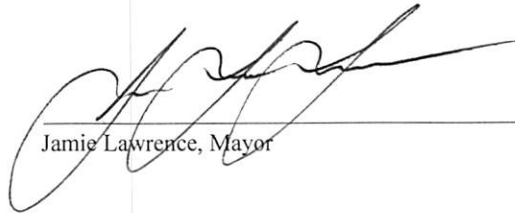
*No Council comments.*

**14. ADJOURN**

*Councilmember Owen moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.*

ATTEST BY:

  
Tona Shiplet – City Secretary

  
Jamie Lawrence, Mayor

