



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Regular Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
January 3, 2017
Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 3, 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, Gwyn Jordan, Beau Heistand, Brandon Latimer, Tona Shippet, Laurie Summers, Martha Mangrum, Sarah Beth Owens, Roger Palmer, Cathy Pierce, Chris Ely, Cheryl Harvey

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 Jason Summers.
3. Action Items:
 - 3a. Approval of Minutes from the Called Meeting dated December 15, 2016 (2) meeting:
Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 (2) 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).*
Sarah Beth Owens spoke regarding unauthorized dumping is downtown dumpsters and the need to establish a Civil Code Law.
5. Action Items:
 - 5a. Consider and approve current bills for payment:
Councilmember Jason Summers requested to see the report that would show the status of the budget. Councilmember John Simon requested that a column be added to the spreadsheet to give the purpose of the bill. Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to approve the current bills for payment, Councilmember John Simon seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.
 - 5b. Consider and approve Monthly Departmental Reports:
Councilmember Jason Summers requested to get a monthly update on the items going on in the city not covered by the Departmental Monthly Reports. After each monthly report was reviewed, Councilmember John Simon made a motion to approve the Monthly Departmental Reports, Councilmember Ruby Howell seconded, 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. **Council Convened to Executive Session at 5:59.**
 - 6a. Police personnel

Council may re-convene into Regular Session:

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

Council Meeting re-convened at 6:58. Councilmember John Simon made a motion that no action was necessary, Jason Summers seconded, motion carried 5-0.

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 **Mayor Looney updated the Council that Police and EMS would be moving to the Civic Center while renovation of the Public Safety Building are being done. Also, there will be a Sealed Bid Opening on January 31st regarding the project to repair the water line at the creek.**

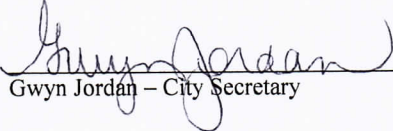
New Projects **None**

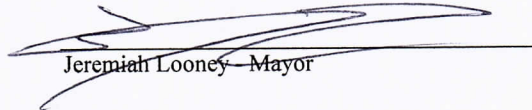
8b. Council Concerns – **Councilmember Ruby Howell mentioned that the road needs some attention at Farley and Melody that possibly occurred when there was a water leak. Chief Heistand stated that he would get an ordinance ready for next month's agenda.**

9. Adjourn:

Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to adjourn, Councilmember Jason Summers seconded, motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST BY:


Gwyn Jordan – City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney – Mayor