

September 18, 2020

Dear Community:

This week has been fast paced with a couple of city council meetings to finish up the budget and tax hearing process for next year's budget. We have spent many hours analyzing line by line, account by account to justify each number and the amount in it. We also had to look at our expenses and revenues for the city. This year we looked at all possible ways to be a little leaner and worked hard on which line items could be trimmed as in overtime or the cost of buying things. The department leads spend a lot of time analyzing their budget and looking for the best quotes and the best services we can receive. They look for durability and warranty. Gwyn and each department lead have spent a lot of time. I have seen a dramatic professional growth in our City by each Department Lead.. Great Job again for all you all have put into this project and as well each boards thoroughness. This is TEAM WORK. GREAT BIG SHOUT OUT TO YOU ALL. THANK YOU!

This week has been busy for all departments. One of our ambulances had to be serviced and repaired. The Directors are really the ones that work so hard and collaborate for the City. They all truly have personal interest for the city. I have met and spoke with so many citizens that want the best for Whitewright. They want it to keep moving forward. I can humbly say that as Mayor I am honored to be a part of this team with all the hard work of all the employees for the City of Whitewright. Without them, the City could not move forward and I am so proud of each and every one of the contributions they each give.

Brandon and his team coupled with the well repair specialists have been working hard to bring it back on line. It was hit by lighting. We filed a claim for it to be repaired with our insurance company that covers these perils. We filed a claim for our roof as well that was hit in the storm. Brandon and his team worked tirelessly and had a bunch of things going. Brandon kicked Monday off with a water tap and road work. They tackled the well problem at Well 1 & 2. Tuesday, they fixed a leak on Grand St and moved a meter box, they also assisted in line locates for Atmos. Wednesday, they continued to work hard and located a sewer line for a builder on Grand Street, a sewer tap and reading water meters. Thursday, a new water tap for the new ice machine by the car wash, They also mowed the ditch by high school, finished reading meters, finished installing the well after being hit by lighting. Friday, still working on tap for ice machine and spraying weed killer on the grass downtown..

COVID-19: Hot spots continue to rise. Continue wearing a mask in public and near frail family members with underlying conditions. Continue frequent hand washing practices. Utilize TeleDoc type phone conferences for Dr. appointments and consultations for non-emergent events. It is recommended that emergency departments are reserved for true life emergencies only. Contact your PCP for non-emergent care when possible.

If you don't want to pray, don't believe, you are your own god, believe the same way, you can in your own way or if not, I will not ask you. It's not up to me if you do or not it's your call.

I am on praying on my behalf for the burdens that lay on my mind for the city I live in.

Dear Lord I kneel before you as your servant for your forgiveness for our nation, state, our county, community, the whole world, I pray that we will humble ourselves before you, I ask discovery of those selling or harming children, I pray you expose to the sex trade and abuse, I pray over all the farmers, ranchers, and fisherman that have worked so hard to feed our nation. I pray for our Police, EMS, Fire, Game Wardens protecting us, State park staff for providing safe clean areas to relax, I pray for the oil drillers road construction crews those building our nation teacher, military men and women and also those who fought and died for our nation, pray for teachers and staff and their leadership, pray for our magistrates lawyers prosecutors district of attorneys being

always challenged or questioned on morals and ethics and values, pray for our churches and pastors and Sunday school leaders and all those attending, pray for those that have lost loved ones through this COVID virus, I pray for healing and courage, I pray for all those that have been sick or in the hospital for various surgery's and needing healing, I pray for healing from suicide ideations or those who lost from it, drug or alcohol addictions child abuse, foster families, child protective services, I Pray for Israel and all their daily battles and for protection, I pray for those being martyred for you daily, we graciously thank you for all your mercies and protection on our nation, we ask you to be with us guide us with all your leadership and wisdom, I pray for the guardian angels that go and rescue abducted children and adults around the world, I thank you Lord for our many blessing we have received in the past and current, pray for those preying on children and those abusing women, I pray for our upcoming elections for our nation state and county and town, I pray that they serve you with a penitent heart, I pray for the safety and wellbeing of our city employees and families, I Pray for all the missionaries and nations who don't have your peace in Your mighty name Jesus Name we pray Amen.

Serving you respectfully,

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"Dream to Keep the Down-Home Feeling" "Keep Whitewright Moving forward"

"House Divided Cannot Stand" The Bible and Abraham Lincoln