



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT

City Council  
Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

Whitewright Visitor Center  
111 W. Grand  
November 6, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Councilmember	Sarah Beth Owen
Councilmember	Bart Bodine
Councilmember	John Simon
Councilmember	George Fenner

1. **Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:**

*Mayor Looney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and established a Quorum. Councilmembers Owen, Bodine, Simon and Fenner were present. Councilman Ponder was absent.*

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

*Councilmember Bodine gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. **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).*

**No Citizens spoke.**

4. **Action Items:**

- 4a. **Consider and approve** Minutes from Regular Meeting dated September 5, 2017.
- Consider and approve** Minutes from Called Meeting dated September 11, 2017.
- Consider and approve** Minutes from Called Meeting dated September 13, 2017.
- Consider and approve** Minutes from Called Meeting dated September 14, 2017.
- Consider and approve** Minutes from Regular Meeting dated October 2, 2017
- Consider and approve** Minutes from Called Meeting dated October 18, 2017

*Councilmember moved to approve the Minutes dated September 5, 2017 and September 11, 2017.*

*Councilmember moved to second the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The minutes for September 13, 2017*

*September 14, 2017, October 2, 2017 and October 18, 2017 were not completed in time for the council meeting.*

4b. **Consider and approve** current bills for payment.

*Councilmember Owen moved to approve the current bills for payment. Councilmember Bodine moved to second the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

4c. **Consider and approve** Monthly Departmental Reports.

Library, Police, Fire, EMS, Court, Public Works

*Councilmember Simon moved to approve the monthly departmental reports. Councilmember seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

4d. **Consider and act on** additional employee benefits to be paid by the city:

- (1) Employee Assistance Program (EAP) paid by the City at a rate of (A) \$.96 per employee per month for 3 visits or (B) \$1.27 per employee per month for 6 visits.
- (2) Long Term Disability at \$200.00 per month for 19 employees. (We currently have 21 FTE).
- (3) Short Term Disability at \$158.00 per month for 19 employees. (We currently have 21 FTE).

Councilmember Simon moved to table the additional employee benefits and requested a quote for employee paid Long Term Disability and employee paid Short Term Disability. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4e. Consider and approve FY 2018 Library Contract between Grayson County, Texas and City of Whitewright in the amount of \$2,280.00.

Councilmember Simon moved to approve the Library Contract. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4f. Consider and act upon renewal of temporary fence at Nursing Home with National Construction Rentals. Current rental expires 11/23/17. Options are month to month, 6 month contract, 12 month contract or removal.

Councilmember Fenner moved to table the renewal for 1 month and contact the realtor to see if the owner would pay the fence rental. Councilmember Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4g. Consider and act upon Citizen Serve contract.

Councilmember Fenner moved to cancel the contract. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion Carried 3-1 with Councilman Simon voting against.

4h. Consider and approve agreement with Kelly Grimes, CPA, to review financial procedures, review FY 2016 General Ledger and make adjustments, guidance on budget, audit matters and general accounting support thru FY 2017 audit at a minimum and thereafter as agreed.:

Councilmember Simon moved to approve the agreement with Kelly Grimes. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4i. Consider and adopt Resolution # 449 Official Newspaper for 2018 Fiscal Year.

Councilmember Fenner moved to approve Resolution # 449. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4j. Proclaim November 20, 2017 as William Whitewright, Jr. day in The City of Whitewright. Mr. Whitewright, Jr. was born on November 20, 1814 and died in May, 1898 at the age of 83.

Councilmember Simon moved to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## 5. Action Items:

5a. Consider and act on appointment of Mark Kline to the Whitewright Economic Development (Type A) board.

Councilman Simon moved to appoint Mark Kline to Type A board. Councilman Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5b. Consider and act on appointment of Randy Glover or CJ Hill to the Whitewright Community Development (Type B) Board.

Councilman Owen moved to table the appointment until the next meeting and request both candidates to attend the next City Council meeting. Councilman Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5c. Consider and act upon Resolution # EDC001 to loan Rea Ventures Group \$13,600.00 (Abbington Commons).

Note: Originally approved by City Council November 17, 2014 and put on this agenda at request of WEDC due to change in WEDC board, Mayor, and City Council. Original Minutes included in packet.

Councilman Fenner moved to approve Resolution # EDC001. Councilman Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5d. Consider and approve Memorandum of Understanding between City of Whitewright, Whitewright Economic Development Corporation and Whitewright Community Development Corporation regarding city employee, Cathy Pierce.

Councilman Simon moved to approve MOU between City, WEDC and WCDC regarding city employee, Cathy Pierce. Councilman Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## 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:** The City was awarded the sidewalk grant that we applied for from TxDot in the amount of \$1,200,000.00. It will cover Grand Street from Benedict to Sears, Sears street from Grand to Highland, Pine Street from Highland to the Elementary crosswalk.

The children's park needs mulch, the skatepark painted and possibly lighting or locking the skatepark at night.

The lift station is complete.



**New Projects:**

6b. Council Concerns: Councilman Fenner commended all the city employees for their efforts during Grand Street Festival and Music on Main. Councilman Simon agreed and commented on the turnout. Councilman Owen commented on plans for Goodfellows.

**7. Adjourn:**

Councilman moved to adjourn. Councilman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST BY:

  
Tona Shipler – City Secretary

  
Jeremiah Looney - Mayor