



**CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Regular Meeting
MINUTES**
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
October 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Monday, October 2, 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	Russell Ponder
Councilmember	John Simon

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, Ponder and Simon were present. Councilmember Gregory Owens was absent.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Mayor Looney opened the Public Hearing:

PUBLIC HEARING

(1) For the purpose of a re-Plat at the Southwest intersection of S.H. 160 and S.H. 11 in the City of Whitewright, Grayson County, Texas from two (2) lots to be combined into one (1) contiguous lot. Property ID 129757 (North Lot) as shown by G-0768 MCDANIEL GRANGER A-G0768, ACRES 2.386 (only the North section) of the Grayson County Appraisal District of Grayson County, Texas presently classified as Commercial District – General (C-2) to be platted into and with Property ID 171405 as shown by G-0768 McDaniel Granger A-G0768, Acres 2.34 of the Grayson County Appraisal District of Grayson County, Texas presently classified as Commercial District – General (C-2), in the City of Whitewright. The re-Plat was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 26, 2017 by a vote of 4-0.

- a. Citizens Comments: *None*
- b. Council Members Comments: *None*
- c. Close Public Hearing:

Mayor Looney closed the Public Hearing:

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).*

Jerry Tapp spoke to the council about the truck parking on the side of SH 69 due East of Quick Check Store. He stated it is a safety hazard for cars and children crossing the highway.

Allen West questioned item 5E and stated the Council could not appoint someone to the Type A board without the Type A board's recommendation.

Allen West later questioned the appointment of George Fenner to Place 5 as Fenner's mother in law is the City Secretary.

4. Action Items:

- 4a. Consider and approve Minutes from the Joint Meeting dated August 10, 2017.
Consider and approve Minutes from the Called Meeting dated August 28, 2017.
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.

Councilmember Ponder moved to table action on the minutes as they were not complete due to internet issues.

Councilmember Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Councilmember Simon moved to approve the bills for payment. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 4c. Consider and approve Monthly Departmental Reports.

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

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the monthly reports. Councilmember Ponder 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.

Councilmember Owen moved to table the motion to allow time for City Secretary to check on full time employee mental health benefits. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 4e. Consider and act upon Resolution 449 to enter into a Finance Agreement between Government Capital Corporation and the City of Whitewright for the financing of Vehicles, Heavy Machinery, and Equipment and to designate the agreement as a qualified tax exempt obligation. Purchase approved by City Council on 8/1/17.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve Resolution 449. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 4f. Consider and act upon re-Plat at the Southwest intersection of S.H. 160 and S.H. 11 in the City of Whitewright, Grayson County, Texas from two (2) lots to be combined into one (1) contiguous lot. Property ID 129757 (North Lot) as shown by G-0768 MCDANIEL GRANGER A-G0768, ACRES 2.386 (only the North section) of the Grayson County Appraisal District of Grayson County, Texas presently classified as Commercial District – General (C-2) to be platted into and with Property ID 171405 as shown by G-0768 McDaniel Granger A-G0768, Acres 2.34 of the Grayson County Appraisal District of Grayson County, Texas presently classified as Commercial District – General (C-2), in the City of Whitewright.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the re-plat. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Action Items:

- 5a. Consider and act upon Interim Police Chief/Police Chief position.

Councilmember Simon moved to post the Police Chief position on the TML website within 14 days. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 5b. Consider and act upon City Councilman Gregory Owens resignation.

Councilmember Owen moved to accept Councilman Gregory Owens resignation. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 5c. Consider and act upon Sarah Beth Owen's resignation from the Type A Board (Whitewright Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).)

Councilmember Ponder moved to accept Sarah Beth Owen's resignation from the Type A Board. Councilmember Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Councilmember Owen abstained.

- 5d. Consider and act on appointment for City Council Place 5 until the May 2018 election.

Councilmember Simon moved to appoint George Fenner for City Council Place 5 until the May 2018 election. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 5e. Consider and act upon appointment to Type A Board (WEDC) to replace Sarah Beth Owen.

Councilmember Simon moved to remove this item from the agenda as the Type A Board will make a recommendation. Councilmember Ponder 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: The Mayor will take recommendations from the Type A and Type B Boards for replacements.*

The Shell Station / Sonic project is moving forward at the SW corner of SH 160/SH 11.

The Type B board has starting a savings account with a plan to save \$6,000.00 a year going forward. They also have a 5 year plan and a 10 year plan for a splash pad. The City Hall is rapidly declining and will soon need to be replaced as it has not been maintained. A 10-15 year plan is in the works.

Update on Projects

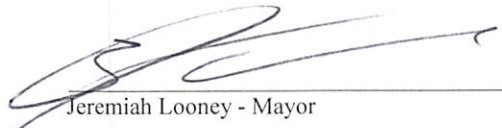
New Projects

6b. *Council Concerns: Councilmember Bodine stated that the Type B board is long term planning and much depends on grant funds. Councilmember Simon questioned the status of the Nursing Home. Contact with the owner is difficult. Simon has an attorney who will do pro bono work and will get the contact information to the Mayor.*

7. **Adjourn:** *Councilmember Simon moved to adjourn. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.*

ATTEST BY:


Tona Shiplet – City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney - Mayor