



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Called Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
August 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Public Hearing and Budget Workshop Monday, August 28, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present: Sarah Beth Owen, Bart Bodine, Russell Ponder and John Simon. Councilmember Gregory Owens was absent.

Others present were Mayor Jeremiah Looney, City Secretary Tona Shiptlet, Kim Palmer, Randy Glover,

Public Hearing

Mayor Looney opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of the 2017 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate of \$0.661114 per \$100 for the City of Whitewright.

a. Citizens Comments:

Randy Glover addressed the Councilmembers and stated that he had not reviewed the budget and inquired as to the need for the raised tax rate. He stated that Whitewright has the highest tax rate in the county.

b. Councilmembers Comments:

None

c. Close Public Hearing:

Councilmember John Simon moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Sarah Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget Workshop

1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum: **Mayor Looney called the meeting to order. A quorum was present with Councilmembers Sarah Beth Owen, Bart Bodine, Russell Ponder and John Simon in attendance. Councilmember John Simon moved to table the Budget Workshop due to illness. Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (Councilmember Ponder attended the Public Hearing to establish the required quorum although he was ill. Public Works director Brandon Latimer was ill and did not attend the workshop.)**

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: **Did not occur**

3. Budget Workshop: **Public Works Tabled due to illness.**

4. Employee Benefits **Tabled due to illness.**

5. Adjourn: **Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen moved to adjourn. Councilmember John Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

ATTEST BY:


Tona Shiptlet – City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney - Mayor