



**CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
March 06, 2018
6:30 p.m.

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2018 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
Councilmember George Fenner

Others present: City Secretary Tona Shippet, Annette Snider, Gwyn Jordan, Chris Douglas, Marcie Herron, Sal Saenz, Roger Palmer, Randy Glover, Chris Ely, Rick Magers, Rick Webber, Susan Armstrong, Carl Harrell, June Gail Purdom, James Shippet, Michael Green, Thomas Free, Dwayne Henderson

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, Simon and Fenner were present.

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 one requested to speak.

4. Consent Agenda:

- * Minutes from February 6, 2018 Regular Council meeting.
- * Minutes from February 20, 2018 Called Council meeting
- * Current bills for payment.
- * Departmental reports: Library, EMS, Police, Fire, Public Works, Court
- * Financials: Ad Volorum taxes received for the month of January and February.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception that the February Ad Volorum taxes will be on the April agenda. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Action Items:

5a. Consider and set a City Wide Cleanup Day.

Councilmember Fenner moved to set June 9, 2018 from 8AM – 1PM as the City wide cleanup day. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5b. Consider and act upon Brownfield Grant wrap up.

Councilmember Simon moved to set April 3 prior to regular city council meeting as the Brownfield Grant wrap up date. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. NOTE: Due to scheduling conflicts the Brownfield Grant wrap up has been set for Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 PM at 111 W. Grand.

5c. Consider and act upon Resolution # 451 ratifying ATMOS rate review mechanism (increase was incorrectly stated on agenda.)

Councilmember Ponder moved to approve Resolution # 451 ratifying ATMOS rate review mechanism. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5d. Consider and ratify NIBRS grant Resolution # 450.

Councilmember Owen moved to ratify Resolution # 450. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5e. Consider and approve adding \$1000.00 Deposit for Bulk Water Meter to Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Simon moved to approve a \$1000.00 deposit for bulk water meter and a \$1200.00 deposit for bulk water meter with back flow assembly. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5f. Consider and approve resolution number amendments for:

450 Call for Election 2018 to be amended to 452 Call for Election 2018

450 Accept Lift station to be amended to 450A

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the Resolution amendments. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5g. Consider and approve purchase of replacement of water fountain for Bill Goodson Children's Park.

Councilmember Owen moved to table and request bids for installation. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0. NOTE: John Simon has purchased a fountain and donated to the Bill Goodson Children's Park.

Upon receipt the city will request bids from a plumber to have installed.

5h. Consider and approve repair/replacement of Cardiac Monitor for EMS and financing options.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the purchase of LifePak 15 Cardiac Monitor from Physio Control / Stryker and finance for 36 monthly installments of \$1,123.83. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5i. Consider and approve laying sewer line with split cost for the Dallbar project. Type B board voted to pay \$4000.00 towards split purchase with City and Type A Board for Cities half of the project. Type A board tabled the item 2/19/18.

Councilmember Simon moved to approve the City paying \$4000.00 towards the sewer line with the stipulation that the city has a 12 foot right of way extending from Echols South along the West property line stopping where the property line turns back West. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. NOTE: Type A board approved to pay \$4000. during their March meeting.

5j. Consider and approve amending Resolution 452, Ordering Election on May 5, 2018 and to approve contracting with Grayson County Election Administration for Joint election with Whitewright ISD and to split costs.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve Resolution 452 and to contract with Grayson County Election Administration for Joint Election with Whitewright ISD and to split costs. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 George Fenner abstained as his Mother in Law is the City Secretary.

6. **Action Items: EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Council may convene into Executive Session for:

Deliberation on Personnel Matters

(Texas Government Code, Section 551.074) - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;

6a. Police department personnel.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:28 PM.

Council may re-convene into Regular Session:

Council reconvened from Executive Session into Regular Session at 8:10 PM.

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

7a. Police department personnel.

Councilmember Owen moved to appoint Rick Webber as Police Chief effective immediately with his salary and benefit package to remain the same until the new budget year. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. 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:** Insurance paid \$11,150.00 on the totaled Tahoe.

Update on Projects:

New Projects:

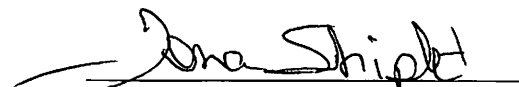
8b. **Council Concerns:** Sarah Owen updated the council on the Sherman/Denison TIP and MPO.


George Fenner updated on the park projects. Russell Ponder inquired as to the status of the remainder of the street equipment.

8c. **Future Agenda Items:** None.

9. **Adjourn:**

Councilmember Simon moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.


Tona Shiplet, City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney, Mayor