



**CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT**  
City Council  
Called Meeting  
Whitewright Visitor Center  
111 W. Grand  
September 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.  
**MINUTES**

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Public Hearing and Budget Workshop Tuesday, September 11, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. 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 Gregory Owens was absent.

Others present were: Mayor Jeremiah Looney, City Secretary Tona Shiplet, Allen West, Peggy West, Annette Snider, Anita Richardson, Gwyn Jordan and Kelly Selman.

1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:  
Mayor Looney called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Bart Bodine led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mayor Looney Opened the Public Hearing at 5:33 PM
3. **Public Hearing:** A public hearing was held for the purpose of the 2017 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax of Rate \$0.661114 per \$100 for the City of Whitewright.
  - a. Citizens Comments:  
Allen West spoke and question if the taxes were being raised to pay for the street repair equipment.
  - b. Councilmembers Comments:  
None
  - c. Close Public Hearing  
Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Simon seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Looney closed the public hearing at 5:35 P.M.
4. Budget Workshop:  
Brandon Latimer went over the Public Works Budget for FY 2018.  
Chris Douglas went over the EMS Budget for FY 2018.  
Chris Ely went over the Library Budget for FY 2018.  
Dwayne Henderson went over the Fire Department Budget for FY 2018.  
Rick Webber went over the Police Department Budget for FY 2018.  
Tona Shiplet went over the Court Budget and General Operating Budget for FY 2018.
- 5 Future Agenda Items: Taking home the Fire Command vehicle was requested to be put on a future agenda.
6. Adjourn:  
Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen moved to adjourn. Councilmember Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.  
Councilmember Bodine departed during the budget workshop to attend a Type B Board meeting and did not return. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

ATTEST BY:

  
Tona Shiplet – City Secretary

  
Jeremiah Looney – Mayor