



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT

City Council
Called Meeting
MINUTES

Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
October 18, 2017
6:30 p.m.

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Called Meeting Monday, October 18, 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
Councilmember	George Fenner

1. Call meeting to Order:

Mayor Looney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Swear in George Fenner, Place 5:

City Secretary Tona Shiptlet administered the Oath of Office to George Fenner for City Council Place 5.

3. Establish a Quorum:

Mayor Looney established a Quorum. Councilmembers Owen, Bodine, Ponder, Simon and Fenner were present.

4. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

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

5. Action Items:

5a. Consider and approve Minutes from the Joint Meeting dated August 10, 2017.

Consider and approve Minutes from the Called Meeting dated August 28, 2017.

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

5b. Consider and approve Sanitation Solutions fee increase of 4.87% effective 10/1/17.

Councilmember Owen moved to table the fee increase. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: After the meeting concluded, City Secretary Tona Shiptlet extensively reviewed the contract. Since inception on 1/1/15 there had been one rate increase, 1/1/17. Per the contract, Sanitation Solutions could only increase one time per calendar year. Ms. Shiptlet contacted the city's Sanitation Solutions representative, Woodie Brantley, and stated the above. He replied withdrawing the increase and requested his apologies be expressed to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Shiptlet notified the Mayor and Councilmembers via email that due to Councilmember Owen's request for the original contract and all rate increases and Ms. Shiptlet's review and contact with Mr. Brantley, that the rate increase was withdrawn. No further action necessary.

5c. Consider and approve city fee increase to offset Sanitation Solutions increase for services and add fees to Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Ponder moved to table the action. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: Rate increase withdrawn by Sanitation Solutions and no further action necessary.

5d. Consider and approve Agreement for Fire Protection Services between Grayson County, Texas and the City of Whitewright. A 2% increase resulting in a total of \$1,272.67 per month is the new fee for Fire Protection Services for FY 2018.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the Agreement. Councilmember Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5e. Consider and approve Agreement for Emergency Medical Services between Grayson County, Texas and City of Whitewright. A 2% increase resulting in a total of \$116,834.00 is the new fee for Emergency Medical Services for FY 2018.

Councilmember Ponder moved to approve the Agreement. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5f. Charles Brady with Linebarger Goggan Blain & Sampson, LLP will report on delinquent tax collection for the City of Whitewright.

Mr. Brady addressed the council regarding delinquent tax collection. He stated that Whitewright had a very low percentage of delinquent taxes. He explained the law and process of collection and tax sales.

6. Adjourn:

Councilmember Simon moved to adjourn. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0.

ATTEST BY:


Tona Shipler – City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney - Mayor