



City of Whitewright
City Council
Called Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
October 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Called Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Mayor Jamie Lawrence
Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen
Councilmember Bart Bodine
Councilmember Rick Magers
Councilmember George Fenner
Councilmember Randy Glover (Video Conference)

Others in attendance: City Secretary Tona Shiptet, Gwyn Jordan, Kim Palmer, Chris Ely, June G. Purdom, Chris Douglas, Jake Hartline, Ken Franklin, Susa LaFollett, Bob Fisher, James Tidwell, Traci Barr and daughter Demi, and Mr. and Mrs. Donoho

1. CALL TO ORDER – Call to order by the Mayor.

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Kenneth Franklin led the invocation

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Jamie Lawrence – Mayor
Rick Magers

Sarah Beth Owen
Randy Glover – Mayor Pro-Tem

Bart Bodine
George Fenner

5. CITIZEN 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).

June Gail Purdom addressed the council and stated that she was speaking for several people in town. She stated that Councilmember Glover was not physically in Whitewright and could not represent the City nor help the city from where he is and not able to fulfill his role as Mayor Pro Tem. She inquired as to how long he would be absent from the city and requested a new Mayor Pro Tem be selected. Later in the meeting after the TASA grant and funding were declined, Mrs. Purdom addressed the council stating that neither Councilmember Owen nor Councilmember Magers could vote on the matter as both owned several properties directly affected by any sidewalk improvement.

6. CONSENT AGENDA (All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)

- 6.1 *To approve bills paid in September, 2018
- 6.2 *To review Ad Volorum taxes received for the month of August
- 6.3 *Approve Minutes
 - *a. June 25, 2018
 - *b. September 4, 2018
 - *c. September 13, 2018
- 6.4 *Report from Fire Department – Chief Dwayne Henderson
Incident County, Incident Type, Statistics, Responding Personnel, Grants, and equipment maintenance.

- 6.5 ***Report from Library Director – Chris Ely**
Library statistics
- 6.6 ***Report from Public Works Director – Brandon Latimer**
Leaks, New Well Construction, Wastewater Plant, Wells, Towers, Meters
- 6.7 ***Report from Water Utility Clerk – Brandi Robinson**
Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers
- 6.8 ***Report from Police Department – Chief Rick Webber**
Fuel Consumption, citations issued
- 6.9 ***Report from Court Clerk – Rhonda Hicks**
Activity report
- 6.10 ***Report from EMS Department – Chris Douglas**
Number of runs, fuel consumption, repairs to ambulance
- 6.11 ***Financial Reports – Tona Shiplet**
Current financial reports.

Councilmember Glover moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Owen abstained.

7. Report from Mayor – Jamie Lawrence

Status on audits, update on Police Department, upcoming calendar events, Coffee with the Mayor on the first and third Fridays of each month at 111 W. Grand at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Councilmember Owen will be attending the annual TML conference in Fort Worth, October 10-12. Whitewright Elementary will be having a fundraiser on October 12th to raise money for their campus. The WEDC (Type A) Board will meet Monday, October 15th at 5:30 PM. Chamber of Commerce will be having a parade to honor our Veterans on November 3rd leading to the “Our Town Craft Fair” to be held at the High School followed by a movie on the football field. The State Fair has started in Dallas.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Consider, discuss, and take action on contract for engineering services for the DWSRF water system improvement project with KSA.
Councilmember Owen moved to discuss the item. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Discussion ensued after Bob Fisher with KSA addressed the council and stated that this was the contract and fee schedule that follows the awarding of the project that occurred in previously and went over the scope. Councilmember Owen moved to table the motion. Councilmember Magers seconded the motion. Motion failed 1-4 with Councilmembers Bodine, Magers, Fenner and Glover voting against. Councilmember Fenner moved to approve the contract. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Owen abstained.
- 8.2 Consider and Approve Ordinance 538 adopting the Grayson County MPO Thoroughfare
Councilmember Owen moved to adopt the Ordinance. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 8.3 Consider and Approve FY 2019 Grayson County Library contract in the amount of \$2,280.00.
Councilmember Fenner moved to approve the contract. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 8.4 Consider and act on accepting the TASA Grant
Councilmember Magers moved to decline the grant. Councilmember Glover seconded the motion. Motion to decline the grant carried 4-0 with Councilmember Owen abstaining as she had filed a conflict of interest disclosure.
- 8.5 Consider and act on TASA Grant funding from Government Capital
Councilmember Magers moved to decline funding. Councilmember Glover seconded the motion. Motion to decline the funding carried 4-0 with Councilmember Owen abstaining.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lawrence read the meeting into closed session at 7:21 P.M.

Councilmember Owen stated an inquiry as to the legality of the closed session in reference to audits. City Attorney Tidwell answered Ms. Owen’s question and affirmed that the City was not receiving the audit results.

Council retired into executive session at 7:23 P.M.

The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.071, Consultation with Attorney: to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (TOMA).

a. Audits

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council returned from executive session at 8:12 P.M.

Return to Called Meeting:

Mayor Lawrence called the Called meeting back into session at 8:13 P.M.

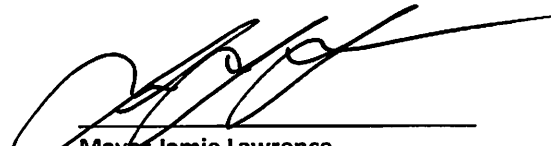
- 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS** regarding recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events. Councilmember Owen requested the newspaper to publish information regarding the elementary school fall festival, Downtown Trick or Treat and the Veteran's Day Parade.

11. ADJOURN:

Councilmember Owen moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:


Tona Shiplet – City Secretary


Mayor Jamie Lawrence