



**CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT**  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Whitewright Visitor Center  
111 W. Grand  
May 2, 2017  
Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Councilmember	Jason Summers
Councilmember	Bart Bodine
Councilmember	Russell Ponder
Councilmember	Ruby Howell

Others present: Mayor, Jeremiah Looney, Tona Shippet, Mike Martin, Roger Palmer, Larry Jordan, Anita Richardson, Sarah Owen, Lance Freer, Laura Freer, Linda Blanton, Arthur Ballard, Brandon Latimer, Beau Heistand and Chris Ely.

1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:

**Mayor Looney called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 5:31 p.m.**

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given and led by Councilmember Jason Summers.**

3. Action Items:

3a. Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting dated March 3, 2017

**Councilmember Jason Summers moved to approved the Minutes dates March 3, 2017. Councilmember Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

3b. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting dated April 4, 2017:

**Councilmember Russell Ponder made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2017 meeting. Councilmember Bart Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0**

4. 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).*

**Mike Martin thanked the Public Works staff on striping the downtown parking spots and painting the curbs. It looks nice and adds parking spaces. Mr. Martin noted that there was an action item on the agenda to approve an audit contract/firm. He reminded the council that we were behind schedule and emphasized the importance of getting the audit scheduled so that the budget will be completed timely for 2016-2017.**

5. Action Items:

5a. Consider and approve current bills for payment:

**Councilmember Ruby Howell made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Councilmember Bart Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

5b. Consider and approve Monthly Departmental Reports:

**Councilmember Russell Ponder made the motion to approve the Monthly Department Reports. Councilmember Jason Summers seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

5c. Consider and approve Resolution 446(a), to close Grand Street for Music on Grand, May 20, 2017 from 11 AM to 11:59 PM

**Councilmember Ruby Howell made the motion to approve Resolution 446(a). Councilmember Russell Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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5d.. Approve Arthur Ballard as a member of the Whitewright Community Development Board (4B).

**Councilmember Ruby Howell made the motion to appoint Arthur Ballard as a member of the Whitewright Community Development Board (4B). Councilmember Jason Summers seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

5e. Consider and approve copier lease for City Hall and Police Department.

**Councilmember Jason Summers made the motion to approve a 5 year copier lease with Ricoh for City Hall and the Police Department. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

5f. Consider and approve contract with LaFollett and Abbott PLLC for 2015-2016 audit.

**Councilmember Ruby Howell made the motion to approve the 2015-2016 audit with LaFollett and Abbott PLLC. Councilmember Bart Bodine seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

6. 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):

6a. Mayor's Report: . (1) The Mayor read an email received at the court desk commending staff for their customer service, demeanor and overall helpfulness on 3 separate telephone calls.. (2) Mayor Looney read a letter from the Mayor of Tom Bean commending Conner Brinkley and Blake Henderson during a 5K run benefiting Breast Cancer held in Bonham. The Mayor continued to state he was also present and that the crew was out of the ambulance, engaged with participants and cheering at the finish line. (3) Kings Trail Church invited all city officials and employees to the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4, at 7:00 PM at 111 W. Grand Street. (4) A Town Hall meeting and Public Brownfield meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:30 PM at 111 W. Grand Street. (5) Julie Johnson suggested a city wide send off honoring Tyrone Swoopes who has signed a free agency contract with the Seattle Seahawks. She also suggested inviting Will Cureton, a 1969 Whitewright High School alumni, who played for the Cleveland Browns.

Update on Projects: Mayor Looney gave the dates for the Water line relocation at the creek crossing on Hwy. 69 North. It is slated to begin this week and complete within 4 weeks.

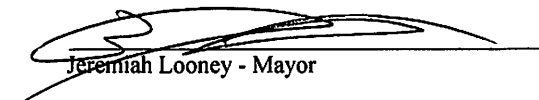
New Projects The Mayor and Public Works director Brandon Latimer are compiling a comprehensive list of roads that need replaced as well as quotes and a list of our underground water system issues that need to be addressed for expansion of the city. This data will be available at the Town Hall meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

6b. Council Concerns: (1) Councilmember Jason Summers requested that the Mayor write a letter of commendation for Medics Brinkley and Henderson for their personnel file. (2) Councilmember Ruby Howell stated that the Masonic Lodge will have an open house on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a blood drive with the blood mobile, CPR classes, activities for children and food. The events start at 8:00 AM and will continue through the afternoon.

7. Adjourn: Councilmember Jason Summers made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

ATTEST BY:

  
Tona Shiplet – City Secretary

  
Jeremiah Looney - Mayor