



CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT
City Council
Called Meeting
September 26, 2016

MINUTES

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Called Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Councilmember	Jason Summers
Councilmember	Russell Ponder
Councilmember	Ruby Howell
Councilmember	John Simon

Others present were: Jeremiah Looney, Mayor, Gwyn Jordan, Cathy Pierce, Beau Heistand, Chris Ely, Sarah Owen, Kim Palmer, Roger Palmer, Mike Martin, Lynda Vencill, June Gail Purdom, Connie Magers, Ella Fitzbag, Rick Magers, Kathy Capps, Tabitha Perdue, Dewayne Henderson, Bailey Henderson, Jason Simpson, Ryan Murphy, Dusty Cotter.

1. Call meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum:

Mayor Looney called the meeting to order with the above council members present at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Bart Bodine was absent.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Jason Summers led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

3. Action Items:

3a. Approve minutes August 25, 2016, September 6, 2016, and September 12, 2016:

Jason Summers made a motion to approve the August 25, 2016 minutes. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Jason Summers made a motion to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Jason Summers made a motion to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes but noted that the Tax Rate could not be approved during Public Hearing and should have been approved during the Called Meeting. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4. Action Items:

4a. Discuss and act on Interlocal Agreement for Ambulance and EMS Services between the City of Tom Bean and the City of Whitewright

Council members would like more information before making a determination regarding this agreement. Jason Summers would like to see more realistic numbers and Ruby Howell does not want to offer a free year. Discussion was made regarding what had happened in the past and needing more information and possibly more agreeable terms.

Jason Summers made a motion to table this matter until more history can be found and more agreeable terms placed on the contract. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4b. Discuss and act on Interlocal Agreement with TCOG on GIS Mapping:

The council discussed the current contract expiring soon. They are checking on user limit being less. 4A will not be paying any more expenses toward this mapping. Pricing is the same as last year. Jason Summers made a motion to accept agreement. Russell Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4c. Request by Aaron Green:

203 S. Carter – Resident would like permission for parking on the street during a block party for people who have supported and done work for them during his wife's illness. John Simon owns property next to Mr. Green and would allow parking on his property for the party. It was discussed as well to temporarily close the street for this function and to charge a small fee for the Public Works to set up barricades. John Simon made a motion to close the street for the block party and no charges would be incurred to do so. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4d. Cost to spray for mosquitoes:

Jason Summers made a motion to give Mayor Looney the authority to act on spraying for mosquitos. Russell Ponder seconded the motion carried. Motion carried 4-0 .

4e. Fertilizer Plant Planning-Zoning:

John Simon said this area should be zoned M-2. It is zoned M-1. The liquid fertilizer that would be stored at this facility is not the type that explodes. Fire Chief, Dewayne Henderson suggested that this be tabled and do our research on the hazard issues since it is located near a Brownfield site, bike trails and parks. Plans were never approved by Planning and Zoning Board for this project. Jason Summers made a motion to table until the Chief Code Enforcement Officer issues a Stop Work Order and the Fire Chief can review safety data. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4f. Approve Planning and Zoning Board of Director changes:

Jason Summers stated that it could be a conflict of interest for John Simon to be on both City Council and the Planning and Zoning Board. John Simon stated that there should be two Planning and Zoning Committees, one - Variance Board (Councilmember can serve) two – Approval Board. Jason Summers made a motion to table the planning and zoning board of director changes until boards can be set up properly. Russell Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4g. Approve 2017 Employee Raises:

Jason Summers made a motion to table 4g, 4h, 4i and 4j as one item. Citizen Sarah Owen informed the council that this motion would be illegal as they were not noted with an *. Jason Summers stated that we can't legally adopt the budget tonight due to the budget not being posted 30 days prior to the tax rate notification. Jason Summers felt that we could suffer legal ramifications if we proceed. Jason Summers made a motion to table 2017 Employee Raises pending temporary budget being adopted. Russell Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4h. Approve 2016-2017 Budget:

Jason Summers made a motion to table 2016-2017 Budget pending temporary budget being adopted. John Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4i. Approve 2016-2017 Property Tax Ordinance #527:

Jason Summers made a motion to table 2016-2017 Property Tax Ordinance #527 pending temporary budget being adopted and approved paying any late fees or penalties incurred. John Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4j. Approve Ratification of Property Tax Increase

Jason Summers made a motion to table Ratification of Property Tax Increase pending Temporary budget being adopted. John Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

4k. Discuss the City Logo:

John Simon made a motion to switch back to the original old logo and continue to use what we have until all existing material is exhausted. Russell Ponder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1 (Jason Summers abstained).

4l. Approve adding signage in Rosehill Addition:

Jason Summers made a motion to table adding signage in the Rose Hill Addition until an Ordinance can be written. John Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4m. Approve the purchase of (5) "No Drinking and Driving" signs to place on each entry into city:

John Simon stated the poles would need to be purchased as well.

John Simon made a motion to accept the purchase of the signage and poles. Ruby Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4n. Consider and approve police fleet evaluation:

Chief Heistand presented a fleet evaluation stating the 2010 Chrysler 300 needs to be decommissioned removing equipment and selling the equipment that cannot be reused, as well as selling the car.

The Police Department currently is operating 3 vehicles. Unit 301 needs to be replaced as a patrol car but will be given to the Fire Department to be used as a Command Vehicle.

Jason Summers made a motion to decommission the 2010 Chrysler 300 and sell. John Simon seconded the motion carried. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Adjourn:

Ruby Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. John Simon seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0

ATTEST BY:


Gwyn Jordan, City Secretary


Jeremiah Looney, Mayor