



City of Whitewright
City Council
Regular Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
December 4, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 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 Randy Glover (Video Conference)
Councilmember George Fenner

Others in attendance: City Secretary Tona Shiplet, Gwyn Jordan, Martha Mangrum, Dwayne Henderson, Philip Guthrie, Brandon Latimer, Rhonda Hicks, Jason Norton, Howard Day, Marilyn Todd Daniels, Ruby Howell, Stephanie Lawrence, June Gail Purdom, Laura Freer, Lance Freer, Randy Bearden, Beverly Bearden, Jeannie Lyons, Larry Lyons, Kristi Pritchett, Jerry Blanton, Megan Singer, Anita Richardson, Jan Sager, Chris Ely, Rick Webber, Chris Douglas, Trinity Huffman, Zander Huffman, James Shiplet, James Tidwell, Eric Prindle, Kenneth Franklin, Harmon Wood, Shonda Latimer, Keri Goodwin, Sophie Packard, Daniel Dickison, Susan LaFollett, Carlie Henderson, Thomas Free, Officer Willis.

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

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:47 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 via Video Conference

Bart Bodine
George Fenner

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lawrence opened the Public Hearing at 6:51 P.M.

For the purpose of a variance at 411 W. Walnut, in the City of Whitewright, Grayson County, Texas as shown by OTP WHITEWRIGHT, BLOCK 41, 50 x 142, Geographic ID X003, identified as property ID 171151 of the Grayson County Appraisal District of Grayson County, Texas, classified as Single Family Two (SF-2). The applicant (Lyons) requests a variance for the purpose of a handicap ramp to rear porch that does not meet the ten percent (10%) minimum side yard setback requirement.

a. **Citizens Comments:**

None

b. **Commissioners Comments:**

Councilmember Owen asked if the Board of Adjustments was represented. Lance Freer stated that they approved the variance and that the contractor did not originally pull a permit. Applicant Lyons stated he had specifically inquired as to the permits and was assured they would be pulled. Mr. Lyons added that as soon as he was notified by a City Inspector that the work was not permitted, he immediately went to City Hall and filed for a permit.

c. Close Public Hearing:

Mayor Lawrence closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 P.M.

6. 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)*

Harmon Wood addressed the council and shared his favorable opinion of living in Whitewright and voiced his concern with the ongoing discord within the council and conduct issues. He quoted George H.W. Bush and Reverend Dr. King. He concluded with wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

7. 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.)*

7.1 *To approve bills paid in November, 2018

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the November bills paid with the exception of Transaction 12692.

Councilmember Magers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Bodine moved to approve paying the Automotive Store bill for \$58.38, Transaction 12692.

Councilmember Glover seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Councilmembers Magers and Owen abstained.

7.2 *To review Ad Valorem taxes received for the month of October

7.3 *Approve Minutes

*a. November 6, 2018

*b. November 26, 2018

7.4 *Report from Fire Department – Chief Dwayne Henderson

Incident County, Incident Type, Statistics, Responding Personnel, Grants, and equipment maintenance.

7.5 *Report from Library Director – Chris Ely

Library statistics

7.6 *Report from Public Works Director – Brandon Latimer

Leaks, New Well Construction, Wastewater Plant, Wells, Towers, Meters

7.7 *Report from Water Utility Clerk – Brandi Robinson

Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers

7.8 *Report from Police Department – Chief Rick Webber

Fuel Consumption, citations issued

7.9 *Report from Court Clerk – Rhonda Hicks

Activity report

7.10 *Report from EMS Department – Chris Douglas

Number of runs, fuel consumption, repairs to ambulance

7.11 *Financial Reports – Tona Shippet

Current financial reports.

Councilmember Owen questioned the budget line items for water and sewer (63810) expenditures and stated the budget had been exhausted and the Public Safety Building maintenance (62110) was also over budget. She requested to put an amendment to the budget on the next agenda to remedy both items. If any of the expenses are IT related a line item needed to be added.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the financial reports. Councilmember Glover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Magers abstained.

7.12 *4A current financial reports. Current Bills/Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

7.13 *4B current financial reports. Current Bills/Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Councilmember Owen moved to open the item for discussion. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Owen requested 7.11 Financial Reports removed. Councilmember Magers requested to remove 7.1, specifically transaction 12692, of the Financial Reports and consider it separately.

Councilmember Glover moved to remove item 7.1 and item 7.11 and to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Report from Mayor – Jamie Lawrence

Update on Police Station, TxCDBG Engineering Firm, there will be no 4A or 4B meetings for the month of December, be aware of

inclement weather this approaching winter season and always remember to be kind to each other.

Dates of upcoming events:

Dec. 07 Last day to turn in Goodfellows applications

Dec. 07 Attack on the Pearl Harbor which launched us into WWII against those who were committing genocide and tyranny.
This generation fought valiantly.

Dec. 18 Posted notice of May, 2019 election

Dec. 20 Goodfellow boxes distribution 2:00 to 4:00

Dec. 24 City Hall office closed in observance of Christmas Holiday

Dec. 25 City Hall office closed in observance of Christmas Holiday

Dec. 31 City Hall office closed in observance of New Year's Holiday

Jan. 1 City Hall office closed in observance of New Year's Holiday

Jan. 2 December shut off of water accounts

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Anita Richardson – Share insight, knowledge and awareness with City Council of my recent experience with City Emergency Services.

Mrs. Richardson addressed the council in regards to a vehicle accident she was involved in on October 19, 2018 and raised issues with the police report. No action taken.

9.2 Move 1 January Regular City Council meeting to 3 January due to New Year's Holiday

Councilmember Fenner moved to amend the date to January 8, 2019. Councilmember Bodine stated he was out of town on January 3.

Councilmember Owen moved to open the item for discussion. Councilmember Bodine seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Owen moved to move the January 1, 2019 meeting to January 8, 2019. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9.3 Act on Board of Adjustments recommendation to approve Lyons variance to build ramp.

Councilmember Glover moved to consider item 9.3 out of order. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Owen moved to accept the Board of Adjustments recommendation to allow the variance to a zero set back from the side lot line for a handicap ramp. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9.4 Susan LaFollet - Consider, discuss and act on FY 2016 and FY 2017 audits.

Councilmember Glover announced that he would have to leave for approximately 20 minutes during Ms. LaFollett's presentation. Glover departed at 7:59 PM and returned at 8:11 PM.

Councilmember Owen reviewed the history of who was responsible for the general ledger for FY 2016 FY 2017.

Councilmember Bodine stated that the City was having an expert come in and advise City Hall staff and establish procedures. Councilmember Magers commended the citizens for their attendance and interest in the matter.

Mayor Lawrence recognized Ms. LaFollett and her team for their diligence and on-site work and City Hall staff for their assistance. He thanked all for their work.

Councilmember Owen moved to accept the FY 2016 and FY 2017 audits as presented. Councilmember Glover seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lawrence read the council into executive session at 8:13 PM.

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

Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

City Secretary

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Owen departed executive session at 8:40 PM.

11. RECONVENE

Mayor Lawrence read the council back into regular session at 8:46 PM.

Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

Councilmember Glover moved to continue this meeting or schedule another meeting on 12/20/18 at 6:30 PM with the Executive Session being the only agenda item. Councilmember Magers seconded the motion. Councilmember Bodine stated he did not expect to be in the country. Councilmember Fenner stated he was ineligible to participate due to the subject being the City Secretary who is his mother-in-law. Motion carried 3-0. [Mayor Lawrence confirmed with City Attorney James Tidwell, who stated a quorum was present and a vote of 3 in favor met the requirement.]

12. ADJOURN

Councilmember Bodine moved to adjourn. Councilmember Magers seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

ATTEST:



Tona Shipler – City Secretary



Mayor Jamie Lawrence