



City of Whitewright
City Council
Regular Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
March 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

The City of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Mayor – James Lawrence
Councilmember Place 1 – Traci Barr
Councilmember Place 2 – Bart Bodine
Councilmember Place 3 – Rick Magers
Councilmember Place 5 – Jason Summers

Other Present: Brandon Latimer, Shonda Latimer, Sarah Owen, Lauri Summers, Officer James Scott, Shonda Latimer, Gwyn Jordan, Nancy Reynolds, Shennell Cox, Brandi Robinson, Chris Ely, Officer Chris West, Tona Shippet, Dwayne Henderson, Eric Prindle, Officer O'Neal, Brandy Scott, James White, Mark Steinbach, James Shippet, Josh Waller, Madeline Reynolds, Jeff Bridges, Raevon Torres, Carolyn Francis, Jennifer Beasley

1. CALL TO ORDER - Call to order by Mayor Lawrence 6:31 p.m.

2. INVOCATION - Invocation given by Mark Steinbach

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pledge given

4. ROLL CALL

Jamie Lawrence — Mayor Present

Traci Barr - Present

Bart Bodine - Present

Rick Magers - Present

Jason Summers – Mayor Pro Tem - Present

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS — At this time, any person may address the City Council regarding an item on this meeting agenda that is not scheduled for public hearing. Also, at this time, any person may address the Council regarding an item that is not on this meeting agenda. Each person will be allowed up to three (3) minutes to speak. No discussion or action may be taken at this meeting on items not listed on this agenda, other than to make statements of specific factual information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry.

Tona Shippet – Regarding the vacant council seat

Sarah Beth Owen – Regarding paper of record

Officer James Scott – Regarding recent burglaries

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 February, 2020

6.2 * Approve payment to Advanced Bed Bug for Municipal Building treatment

6.3 *To review Ad Valorem taxes received for the month of January, 2020

6.4 *Approve Minutes

a. January 27, 2020

b. February 4, 2020

c. February 16, 2020

6.5 *Report from Fire Department — Chief Dwayne Henderson

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

6.6 *Report from Library Director — Chris Ely

Library statistics

6.7 *Report from Public Works Director — Brandon Latimer

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

6.8 *Report from Water Utility Clerk— Shennell Cox

Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers

6.9 *Report from Police Department — Acting Chief James Scott

Fuel Consumption, citations issued, crime data report.

6.10 *Municipal Court Report — Brandi Robinson

Monthly Fines and Court Costs received and Monthly Statistics

6.11 *Report from EMS Department — Michael Taylor

Number of runs, fuel consumption, repairs to ambulance

6.12*Financial Reports — Gwyn Jordan

Current financial reports.

6.13*4A current financial reports. Current Bills/Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

6.14*4B current financial reports. Current Bills/Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Councilmember Barr made motion to remove 6.1 to discuss

Councilmember Magers second

Questioned payment to Brandy Scott for decals on the doors

Questioned charges to Hoyt Dodge for ambulance repairs

Councilmember Barr made a motion to accept 6.1

Councilmember Summers second

Motion passed 4-0

Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept consent agenda

Councilmember Bodine second

Motion passed 4-0

7. REPORT FROM MAYOR

Dates of upcoming events:

March 8th – Daylight Savings Time Starts

March 9th – 4B 7:00 p.m.

March 10th – Chamber of Commerce 5:30 p.m.

March 16th – 4A 5:00 p.m.

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 17th – Monthly Training by Police Department/Evening with the Mayor 6:30 p.m.

March 26th – Court 4:30 p.m.

Update on the Sidewalk Grant

Update on the CDBG Grant

Update on the Echols Sewer Line Repair

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Discuss and approve Resolution #462 regarding designation of the official newspaper for 2020

Councilmember Summers made a motion to appoint Herald Democrat as the Paper of Record for 2020

Councilmember Bodine second

Motion tied vote 2-2 Mayor Voted to designate Herald Democrat Paper of Record

8.2 Discuss and review Recreational Vehicle Park Ordinance

Public Hearing to receive Citizens Comments

Tona Shiplet spoke regarding that Mr. White should be given consideration, pointed out that there is a sewer line that passes thru his property and if a Specific Use Permit is granted, if at any time this property changes hands the new owners would have to apply for another Specific Use Permit. Mr. White answered questions posed regarding his RV park. He has explored a product that is called Slag that looks like gravel but is better. It was discussed that we need to move on this and get it approved so that Mr. White can move forward.

Councilmember Summers made a motion to discuss

Councilmember Magers second

It was discussed to address the length of stat from 90 days to 180 maximum, address the size of the spaces and to have a workshop with Planning and Zoning.

No motion needed or made this was only to discuss and review.

8.3 Discuss and approve purchase of Firetruck and authorize related procedures, signatures and expenditures

Councilmember Barr made a motion to discuss

Councilmember Summers second

It was discussed that \$60,000 would be used to purchase the Firetruck and \$8,000 for incidentals

Councilmember Summers authorized the Mayor for signatures and expenditure approval

Councilmember Bodine second

Motion passed 3-0 Councilmember Magers abstained

8.4 Discuss and act upon a Resolution #461 regarding a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring a firetruck and related equipment

Councilmember Summers made a motion to approve Resolution 461 using the 6 year terms

Councilmember Bodine second

Motion passed 3-0 Councilmember Magers abstained

8.5 Approve transaction #14386 for Whitewright Automotive in the amount of \$134.90

Councilmember Bodine made a motion to approve transaction 14386

Councilmember Barr second

Motion passed 3-0

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Convene at 7:46 p.m.

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

Chief of Police Applicants

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. RECONVENE – Reconvene at 10:09 p.m.

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

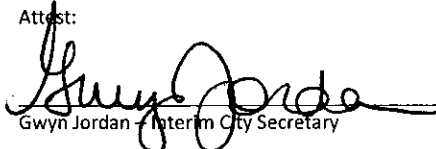
Councilmember Summers made a motion to offer James Scott the Chief of Police position at \$18.00 per hour for 6 months and then review salary

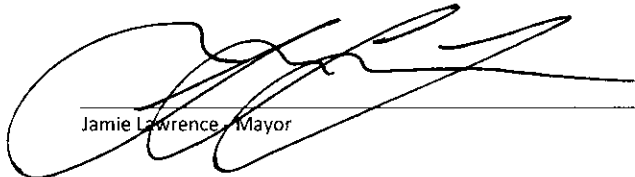
Councilmember Bodine second

Motion passed 4-0

11. ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned 10:11 p.m.

Attest:


Gwyn Jordan – Interim City Secretary


Jamie Lawrence, Mayor