



City of Whitewright
City Council
EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENT TO REGULAR MEETING
Whitewright Visitors Center
111 W. Grand
January 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

The city council of Whitewright met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitor Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Mayor	Tona Shiplet
Councilmember	Traci Barr
Councilmember	Bart Bodine
Councilmember	Joshua Waller
Councilmember	Barry Wheeler
Councilmember	Jason Summers

Others present: Laurie Summers, Suzy Sauls, Dwayne Henderson, Philip Guthrie, Brandon Latimer, Shonda Latimer, Melanie Shaw, Chris Ely, Chief James Scott, James Shiplet, Sarah Owen, Eric Prindle, Jake McAdams, Debra Walsh, Gwyn Jordan, Cheryl Harvey, Anashia Harvey, Tammy Wheeler, Forrest Lee Baker

EMERGENCY ITEM ADDED PER GOVERNMENT CODE 551.045

- 8.8 Consider and approve expenses to install water and sewer lines south across Hwy 151 and west from Doss Street to May Street
8.9 Consider and approve expenses to clear collapse of creek at sewer plant limiting flow of the creek.

1. CALL TO ORDER — 6:30 p.m.
2. INVOCATION — Given By -Barry Wheeler
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Given
4. ROLL CALL

Tona Shiplet — Mayor - Present	Traci Barr - Present	Bart Bodine - Present
Joshua Waller - Present	Barry Wheeler - 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.

Debra Walsh — Update City Ordinance to drive ATV, Golf Cart, Side by Side as long as insured, registered and street legal

Mari McFatridge — Regarding EMS staying at City Hall, not the best direction to fix building, she thinks needs to move to PW/ building.

6. MAYOR UPDATES

- 6.1 January 11th Whitewright Economic Development Board 5:30 p.m.
- 6.2 January 11th Whitewright Community Development Board 7:00 p.m.
- 6.3 January 12th Whitewright Area Chamber of Commerce 5:30 p.m.
- 6.4 January 13th First Day applications for upcoming election can be picked up Councilmember Place 1, Place 2 and Place 5
- 6.5 January 18th Martin Luther King Day
- 6.5 January 28th Whitewright Municipal Court 4:00 p.m.
- 6.6 Recycling available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Container under surveillance outside public works barn, no trash in container.
- 6.7 Goodfellows — 60 Families served, 123 Children/120 Adults Total Cost \$1083.74. Thank you to the schools for all the donations, Christian Ministries for the donation of gift cards, The Food Pantry for the food and monetary donation and Spring Market for the cost of donations as well as a monetary donation and collecting the bags and boxes for us, Toys for Tots

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 December, 2020
- 7.2 *Approve Minutes
 - a. December 1, 2020
- 7.3 *Grayson County Property Tax Report
 - a. November, 2020
 - b. December, 2020
- 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— Shennell Cox
Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers

- 7.8 *Report from Police Department — Chief James Scott
Fuel Consumption, citations issued, crime data report.
- 7.9 *Municipal Court Report — Brandi Robinson
Monthly Fines and Court Costs received and Monthly Statistics
- 7.10 *Report from EMS Department — EMS Director Jeff Bridges
Number of runs, fuel consumption, repairs to ambulance
- 7.11 *Financial Reports — Gwyn Jordan
Current financial reports.
- 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 Barr asked what \$10.00 expenses that were for easements for May to Doss
Councilmember Wheeler to discuss Payroll how many in a month every two weeks
Councilmember Barr Fix and Feed expenses for electric pole for property across from City Hall for movie night
Councilmember Waller made a motion to approve
Councilmember Bodine second
Motion passed 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING 6:42

The City of Whitewright, Texas, City Council, will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on January 5, 2021, at 111 W. Grand, Whitewright, Texas, for the purpose of giving all interested persons the right to appear and be heard regarding a replat request to the City of Whitewright Zoning Ordinances, which includes but is not limited to consideration of a proposed ordinances as described below:

For the purpose of considering a replat request for Property ID 171369 legal description SEARS W T, BLOCK 8, LOT 1 & 2 and geographic IDX004 4507032 of the City of Whitewright, Grayson County.

All interested citizens and property owners of the City, as well as other persons of interest, are invited to attend the public hearing and participate in the same.

- a. Citizens Comments *None*
- b. Council Comments *None*
- c. Close Public Hearing *6:50p.m.*

- 8.5 Discuss and approve replat presented to Planning and Zoning on 1-4-2021 for the property located at 413 E. Maple
Councilmember Barr made a motion to approve the replat at 413 E. Maple
Councilmember Bodine second
Motion passed 5-0

Public Hearing 6:51

The City of Whitewright will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on January 5, 2021 at 111 W. Grand, Whitewright, TX 75491 regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant for the Community Development Fund and Downtown Revitalization Program. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of pas TxCDBG funds. The city encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing.

Jake McAdams \$350,000 grant 5% match gave information

- a. Citizens Comments — *Sarah Owen requested Council to be wise in spending and taking on projects focus on roads, and infrastructure and make plans to take care of what we have*
- b. Council Comments - *Barr agrees with Sarah, Mayor notifies all regarding the 70% forgiveness on our Sewer Project*
- c. Close Public Hearing *7:13 p.m.*

- 8.7 Consider and discuss the public hearing regarding the submission of a 2021 TxCDBG grant application.
Councilmember Waller made a motion to take no action.
Councilmember Summers second
Motion passed 5-0

8. ACTION ITEMS

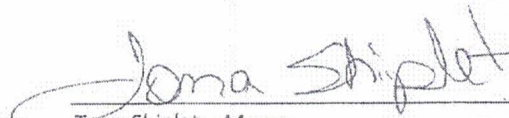
- 8.1 Consider and approve observing Martin Luther King Day by closing City Hall this year only and to be reviewed for permanent City holiday at a later date.
Councilmember Barr to discuss – What are other cities doing/do the same how many paid holidays
Councilmember Barr made a motion to not observe Martin Luther King Day as a city holiday
Councilmember Waller second
Motion passed 5-0
- 8.2 Consider and approve water and sewer rate increase for 2021.
Councilmember Waller made a motion to approve the water/sewer rate increase
Councilmember Bodine second
Motion passed 5-0
- 8.3 Consider and approve awarding the bid for road construction on the 2020 TxDBG grant for May Street, Locust Street and Walnut Street
Remove from agenda, approved last month.
Councilmember Waller made a motion to permanently remove this award due to the fact approved last month
Councilmember Summers second
Motion passed 5-0
- 8.4 Discuss, consider and approve repairs on the Civic Center heater versus moving EMS to new location and possible purchase of Public Works portable building
Councilmember Wheeler made a motion to fix Heat/AC unit
Councilmember Bodine second
Motion passed 4-1
- 8.5 Discuss and approve replat presented to Planning and Zoning on 1-4-2021 for the property located at 413 E. Maple
Approved above
- 8.6 Discuss and consider scheduling a workshop for Councilmembers to update on existing projects
Councilmember Waller made a motion to have a workshop/business meeting on 1-23-2021 Time TBD will contact Drew Satterwhite from GTUA to see if available
Councilmember Summers second
Motion passed 5-0
- 8.7 Consider and discuss the public hearing regarding the submission of a 2021 TxDBG grant application.
Approved above

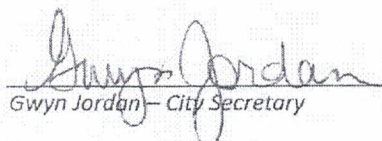
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Councilmember Waller second
Motion passed 5-0
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Councilmember Bodine made a motion to approve expenses up to \$10,000.00
Councilmember Barr second
Motion passed

9. ADJOURN – 8:58 pm.

Attest:


Tona Shiplet – Mayor


Gwyn Jordan – City Secretary