



City of Whitewright  
City Council  
REGULAR MEETING  
Whitewright Visitors Center  
111 W. Grand  
September 5th, 2023, 6:30 p.m.  
Minutes

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Councilmember	Traci Barr
Councilmember	Diana Scott
Councilmember	John Simon
Councilmember	Barry Wheeler
Councilmember	Shirley Ballard

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL

Tona Shippet – Mayor - Present	Traci Barr - Present	Diana Scott - Present
John Simon - Present	Barry Wheeler-Mayor Pro Tem - Present	Shirley Ballard - 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. J. Sauls spoke. J. Summers spoke about downtown living. L. Summers spoke about downtown living.

6. MAYOR UPDATES

- 6.1 September 14<sup>th</sup> Municipal Court 9:00 am 111 W Grand
- 6.2 Library for September: Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Story Time 10:30 a.m., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Stem Club 10:30 a.m. at 206 W. Grand
- 6.3 September 11<sup>th</sup> Whitewright Economic Development 4A 4:30 p.m. 113 W. Grand
- 6.4 September 11<sup>th</sup> Whitewright Community Development 4B 6:00 p.m. 113 W. Grand
- 6.5 September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall break for WWISD
- 6.6 September 20<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Board 3:30 p.m. pm 111 W Grand
- 6.7 October 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Regular Meeting

\*\*\*Food Pantry OPEN 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Thursday for pick up \*\*\*

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 Aug. 2023 page 1
- 7.2 \*Approve Minutes
  - a. Aug. 1st, 2023
  - b. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - c. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 7.3 \*Grayson County Property Tax Report
  - a. Aug., 2023
- 7.4 \*Report from Fire Department — Fire Chief John Sinor  
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, Shop/Vehicle Maintenance
- 7.7 \*Report from Water Department  
Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers
- 7.8 \*Report from Police Department — Chief Chad Stallings  
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 John Sinor**

Number of runs, fuel consumption, repairs to ambulance

**7.11 \*Financial Reports — Nancy Reynolds**

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 J. Simone made a motion to remove page 6 of the paid bills for Aug. 2023

Councilmember T. Barr second the motion

Councilmember Motion passed 5-0

Councilmember B. Wheeler made a motion to pass the consent agenda

Councilmember D. Scott second the motion

Councilmember Motion passed 5-0

Councilmember T. Barr made a motion to pass page 6 of the paid bills for Aug. 2023

Councilmember B. Wheeler second the motion

Councilmember Motion passed 4 approved and 1 abstained

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Consider, discuss and act on the Agreement For The Temporary Closure Of State Right Of Way November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 5 pm**

Councilmember J. Simone made a motion to approve as long as the Chamber provides the barricades for the closure

Councilmember D. Scott second the motion

Motion passed 5-0

**8.2 Consider, discuss and act on changes to the RV Ordinance #553**

Councilmember B. Wheeler made a motion to approve

Councilmember J. Simon second the motion

Motion passed 5-0

**8.3 Consider, discuss and act on 2022-2023 budget amendment for Whitewright Economic Development 4A**

Councilmember J. Simon made a motion to postpone

Councilmember S. Ballard second the motion

Motion passed 5-0

**8.4 Consider, discuss and act on 2022-2023 budget amendment for Whitewright Community Development 4B**

Councilmember T. Barr made a motion to approve

Councilmember S. Ballard second the motion

Motion passed 5-0

**8.5 Consider, discuss and act on 2022-2023 budget amendment for the City Whitewright**

Councilmember J. Simon made a motion to postpone until the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting

Councilmember S. Ballard second the motion

Motion passed 5-0

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:41 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 Sec. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act).

**END EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:15 p.m.**

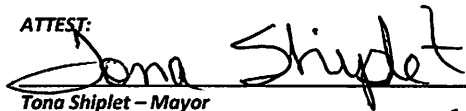
**10. RECONVENE - No action taken**

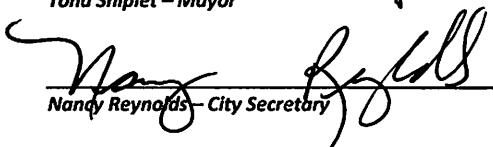
Reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session

**11. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURN – 8:03 p.m.**

ATTEST:

  
Tona Shiplet – Mayor

  
Nancy Reynolds – City Secretary