



City of Whitewright  
 City Council  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 Whitewright Visitors Center  
 111 W. Grand  
 September 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
 Agenda

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT WILL BE HELD ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022, AT 6:30 P.M. LOCATED AT 111 W. GRAND, WHITEWRIGHT, TEXAS, AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

The subjects to be discussed are listed below:

NOTICE OF VIDEOCONFERENCE CALL PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.127.

\*The meeting will be open to remote participation by a member(s) of the City Council by videoconference call, in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The intent is for a quorum of the City Council to be physically present at the meeting location at 111 W. Grand, Whitewright, Texas.

\*A member of the City Council of the City of Whitewright may participate remotely in this meeting of the City Council of the City of Whitewright by means of a videoconference call with video and audio feed of the member's participation, as applicable, to be broadcast live at the meeting. Gov't Code 551.127 (a-1)

\*A member of a governmental body who participates in a meeting as provided by Gov't Code 551.127 (a-1) shall be counted as present at the meeting for all purposes. Gov't Code 551.127 (a-2)

\*A member of a governmental body who participates in a meeting by videoconference call shall be considered absent from any portion of the meeting during which audio or video communication with the member is lost or disconnected. The governmental body may continue the meeting only if a quorum of the body remains present at the meeting location. Gov't Code 551.127 (a-3)

\*Pursuant to Gov't Code 551.127 (e), a quorum of the governmental body will be physically present and the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting will be present at 111 W. Grand, Whitewright, Texas.

THIS MEETING IS INTENDED TO BE HELD AS A PUBLIC MEETING INCORPORATING SOCIAL DISTANCING. AS AN ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON DUE TO CURRENT EVENTS, IT WILL ALSO BE HOSTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**

Tona Shippet - Mayor	Traci Barr - Mayor Pro Tem	Diana Scott
John Simon	Barry Wheeler	Shirley Ballard

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) (at the Mayor's discretion) 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.

6. **MAYOR UPDATES**

- 6.1 September 6<sup>th</sup> Homeschool Connection – Whitewright Public Library 10:30 a.m.
- 6.2 September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Lego Club – Whitewright Public Library 4:00 p.m.
- 6.3 September 7<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Parade 7:00 p.m. followed by a bonfire at Legend Park
- 6.4 September 9<sup>th</sup> Homecoming crowning ceremony 7:00 p.m.
- 6.5 September 12<sup>th</sup> Municipal Court 9:00 a.m. 111 W. Grand
- 6.6 September 12<sup>th</sup> Whitewright Economic Development Board 4A 5:30 p.m.
- 6.7 September 12<sup>th</sup> Whitewright Community Development Board 4B 7:00 p.m.
- 6.8 September 13<sup>th</sup> Whitewright Area Chamber of Commerce 5:30 p.m.
- 6.9 September 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – Adopt Budget and Tax Rate 6:30 p.m.
- 6.10 September 20<sup>th</sup> Tame Club – Whitewright public Library 10:30 a.m.
- 6.11 October 4<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council Meeting  
 \*\*\*Food Pantry OPEN 9:00 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 August 2022
- 7.2 \*Approve Minutes
  - a. August 2, 2022
  - b. August 9, 2022
  - c. August 16, 2022
  - d. August 26, 2022
- 7.3 \*Grayson County Property Tax Report
  - a. August 2022
- 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
- 7.7 \*Report for Water Utility  
Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers
- 7.8 \*Report from Police Department — Sgt. Chris West  
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 — Troy Keisling  
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
- 7.14\*Public Information Request Report

**8.PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON TAX INCREASE**

A tax rate of \$0.500782 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.500782 per \$100

NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RAT \$0.463222 per \$100

VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.500782 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 6, 2022 AT 6:30 PM AT 111 W. Grand, Whitewright, TX 75491.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the of CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

<b>FOR the proposal:</b>	Traci Barr - Mayor Pro Tem	Diana Scott
	John Simon	Barry Wheeler

**AGAINST the proposal:**

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:** Shirley Ballard

Visit [Texas.gov/Property Taxes](http://Texas.gov/Property Taxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT this year.

	2021	2022	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.570973	\$0.500782	decrease of -0.070191, or -12.29%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$132,932	\$152,854	increase of 19,922, or 14.99%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$759.01	\$765.47	increase of 6.46, or 0.85%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$585,781	\$664,898	increase of 79,117, or 13.51%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT at 903.813.4223 or kmiller@co.grayson.tx.us, or visit www.whitewright.com for more information.

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.

- Citizens Comments
- Council Comments
- Close Public Hearing

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

- 9.1 Consider, discuss and approve using Tom Bean’s Police Administrative Directives & Procedures Manual temporarily until the Whitewright Police Department can establish updated procedures
- 9.2 Consider, discuss and approve revised site plans for 2176 Beasley Blvd. Family Dollar Combo
- 9.3 Consider and approve Whitewright Economic Development (4a) Budget
- 9.4 Consider and approve Whitewright Community Development (4b) Budget
- 9.5 Consider, discuss and approve increasing the Mayor’s approval limit from \$5,000.00 to between \$15,000.00 and \$25,000.00
- 9.6 Consider, discuss and approve updated employee handbook
- 9.7 Consider and approve Interlocal Agreement between Grayson County OEM and the City of Whitewright for Ambulance Services and EMS Services
- 9.8 Consider and approve Interlocal Agreement between Grayson County OEM and the City of Whitewright Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Services
- 9.9 Discuss scheduling a workshop with 4B on September 15<sup>th</sup> after the City Council Meeting

**10. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

**11. ADJOURN**

**CERTIFICATION**

Items marked with \* are on the consent agenda and will be voted on in one motion unless a council member asks for a separate discussion.

- 1. City Council may vote and/or act upon each of the action items listed in this Agenda pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.
- 2. The Council reserves the right to retire in to executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon’s Texas Code Annotated in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071 — Consultation with attorney, Section 551.072 — Deliberation regarding real property, Section 551.073 — Deliberation regarding prospective gift, Section 551.074 — Personnel matters, Section 551.076 — Deliberation regarding security devices, and Section 551.087 — Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.
- 3. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact City Hall at 903-364-2219 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available.

I certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on this 2nd day of September, 2022 on or before 6:30 p.m. as required by law in accordance with Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code. This agenda is posted on the City of Whitewright website: www.whitewright.com. and on the window of City Hall.

*Nancy Reynolds*

Nancy Reynolds – City Secretary