



City of Whitewright
City Council
REGULAR MEETING
Whitewright Visitors Center
111 W. Grand
September 7, 2021, 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 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021, 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
Joshua Waller

Traci Barr - Mayor Pro Tem
Barry Wheeler

Diana Scott
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) 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 13th Planning and Zoning Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 6.2 September 13th Whitewright Economic Development Board 4A 5:30 p.m.
- 6.3 September 13th Whitewright Community Development Board 4B 7:00 p.m.
- 6.4 September 14th Whitewright Area Chamber of Commerce 5:30 p.m.
- 6.5 September 14th Called City Council Meeting for Budget Hearing/Adopt Budget and Tax Rate
- 6.6 September 23rd Whitewright Municipal Court 4:00 p.m.
- 6.7 September 25th Nature Park Clean Up Day.
- 6.8 September 25th Masonic Lodge Fish Fry
- 6.9 September 27th Cemetery Clean Up Day North Side Oak Hill
- 6.10 October 5th Regular City Council Meeting
 - ***Food Pantry OPEN 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Thursday for pick up ~
 - ***Recognize 10U and 12U teams that competed in the World Series****
 - ***Update on Well #1 and Well #2 Repairs

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, 2021
- 7.2 *Approve Minutes
 - a. August 3, 2021
 - b. August 10, 2021
 - c. August 12, 2021
 - d. August 17, 2021
 - e. August 24, 2021
 - f. August 31, 2021

- 7.3 *Grayson County Property Tax Report
 - a. August, 2021
- 7.4 *Report from Fire Department — Interim 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 from Water Utility Clerk— Shennell Cox
Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers
- 7.8 *Report from Police Department — 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.570973 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.570973 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.531070 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.570973 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 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 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 7, 2021 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 City Council 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:

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

FOR the proposal:

Traci Barr	Diana Scott
Joshua Waller	Berry Wheeler
Shirley Ballard	

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

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.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.606605	\$0.570973	decrease of \$-0.035632, or -5.87%

Average homestead taxable value	\$120,280	\$132,932	increase of \$12,652, or 10.52%
Tax on average homestead	\$729.62	\$759.01	increase of \$29.39, or 4.03%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$541,797	\$591,018	increase of \$49,221, or 9.08%

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 and approve City of Whitewright, Texas Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2020
- 9.2 Consider and approve Whitewright Economic Development (4a) Budget
- 9.3 Consider and approve Whitewright Community Development (4b) Budget
- 9.4 Consider and approve Interlocal Agreement between Grayson County OEM and the City of Whitewright for Ambulance Services and EMS Services
- 9.5 Consider and approve Interlocal Agreement between Grayson County OEM and the City of Whitewright Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Services

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 551.072, Deliberation regarding Real Property; 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): Real Property.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. RECOVENE

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

12. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Subdivision Ordinance (sent for review)
- Noise Ordinance
- Road Repairs
- Dog Ordinance
- Councilmember Scott Executive Session Request

14. 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 4th day of September, 2021 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.

Gwyn Jordan

Gwyn Jordan – City Secretary