



City of Whitewright
City Council
PUBLIC HEARING AND CALLED MEETING
Whitewright Visitors Center
111 W. Grand
September 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Agenda

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A CALLED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT WILL BE HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023, AT 6:00 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:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Tona Shippet - Mayor
John Simon

Traci Barr
Barry Wheeler- Mayor Pro Tem

Diana Scott
Shirley Ballard

3. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The City Council for the City of Whitewright, Texas will hold one public hearing on the 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget of the City of Whitewright, Texas (Budget) on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitors Center located at 111 W. Grand Ave in Whitewright, Texas. The meeting will be held for the purpose of receiving community input on the Budget, which will cover the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$54,997, WHICH IS A 8.09 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$31,198.

All citizens or interested persons are encouraged to attend these hearings and present their view to the City Council. All citizens are interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against any item or amount of any item contained in the proposed Budget. City Hall is accessible to the disabled. Disabled individuals who might have difficulty attending these public meetings should contact the City Secretary's Office at 903-364-2219 to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending these hearings requires a translator, please contact the City Secretary's Office prior to the hearings so arrangements can be made. A copy of the proposed Budget is available for viewing during normal business hours at City Hall, 206 W. Grand Ave, Whitewright, Texas and is also located on the City's website at www.whitewright.com.

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4. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.465390 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.465390 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.449485 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.465390 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 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 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 19, 2023 AT 6:00 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:

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

Visit 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.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.500782	\$0.465390	decrease of -0.035392, or -7.07%
Average homestead taxable value	\$152,854	\$172,857	increase of 20,003, or 13.09%
Tax on average homestead	\$765.47	\$804.46	increase of 38.99, or 5.09%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$680,013	\$735,010	increase of 54,997, or 8.09%

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.

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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. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Consider and act on Whitewright Economic Development (4A) Budget
- 6.2 Consider and act on Whitewright Community Development (4B) Budget
- 6.3 Consider and approved on the new tax rate for 2023-2024
- 6.4 Consider and adopt Budget 2023-2024
- 6.5 Consider and adopt Ordinance #571 to ratify the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024
- 6.6 Consider and adopt Ordinance #572 to ratify property tax increase for 2024
- 6.7 Consider and adopt Ordinance #573 levying a tax rate for the tax rate year 2024
- 6.8 Consider and act on 2022-2023 Budget amendments
- 6.9 Consider and act on Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Fire & Ambulance Services 2023-2024

7. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

8. 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 16th day of September, 2023 on or before 6:00 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