



City of Whitewright
City Council
Regular Meeting
Whitewright Visitor Center
111 W. Grand
January 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The City Council of Whitewright met for a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

Mayor Jamie Lawrence
Councilmember Sarah Beth Owen
Councilmember Bart Bodine
Councilmember Rick Magers
Councilmember Randy Glover (Video Conference)
Councilmember George Fenner

Others in attendance: City Secretary Tona Shippet, Gwyn Jordan

1. CALL TO ORDER – Call to order by the Mayor.

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

Kenneth Franklin led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Jamie Lawrence – Mayor
Rick Magers

Sarah Beth Owen
Randy Glover – Mayor Pro-Tem

Bart Bodine
George Fenner

A quorum was established with all members present.

5. CITIZEN FORUM – *(State law prohibits the City Council from considering or deliberating on any item not listed on the posted City Council agenda. A person may address the Council on items not on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. The Council may not comment or deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Any discussion of the subjects must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Sec. 551.042 of Open Meeting Act).* Sarah Beth Owen stated that the Mayor removed Council concerns from the agenda and that Councilmembers had no opportunity to speak.

6. 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.)*

6.1 *To approve bills paid in December, 2018

Councilmember Glover moved to discuss. Councilmember Owen seconded.

Councilmember Owen questioned the City's intention to continue to pay Whitewright Automotive without a Conflict of Interest disclosure statement on file. Owen moved to approve paying all bills except transaction # 12788. Glover requested that Owen amend the motion to approve the bills with the exception of Whitewright Automotive until the appropriate disclosure is filed. Owen amended the motion, Motion to approve the bills with the exception of Whitewright Automotive transaction # 12788 until the legal disclosure is filed. Glover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmember Magers abstaining.

6.2 *To review Ad Valorem taxes received for the month of November, 2018

6.3 *Approve Minutes

*a. December 4, 2018

*b. December 20, 2018

6.4 *Report from Fire Department – Chief Dwayne Henderson

Incident County, Incident Type, Statistics, Responding Personnel, Grants, and equipment maintenance.

6.5 *Report from Library Director – Chris Ely

Library statistics

6.6 *Report from Public Works Director – Brandon Latimer

Leaks, New Well Construction, Wastewater Plant, Wells, Towers, Meters

6.7 *Report from Water Utility Clerk – Brandi Robinson

Number of customers, delinquencies, number of new customers

6.8 *Report from Police Department – Chief Rick Webber

Fuel Consumption, citations issued

Councilmember Glover questioned Sgt. Green regarding the UCR status. Sgt. Green stated that reports were completed through June 2018. Sgt. Green stated the deadline was extended due to issues with the reporting. Glover requested a written report update from the Police Chief. Glover went on to discuss Anita Richardson's address in December regarding a report on a vehicle accident and requested an update on those concerns. Sgt. Green affirmed that an amended report had been filed. Councilmember Fenner moved to approve 6.8. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6.9 *Report from Court Clerk – Rhonda Hicks

Activity report

6.10 *Report from EMS Department – Chris Douglas

Number of runs, fuel consumption, repairs to ambulance

6.11 *Financial Reports – Tona Shiplet

Current financial reports.

Councilmember Glover questioned the FY2016 and FY2017 audit expenses being paid out of the YF2019 budget instead of FY2018 [Per Eddie Peacock, contracted city CPA, they must be expensed in the year paid]. He questioned the line item that the 2019 Police Vehicle was charged [it will be corrected with Mr. Peacock's assistance], the Sewer Improvement fund and the 4A Zeestraten loan (which was voted on as part of the consent agenda) [It will be corrected with Mr. Peacock's assistance]. Councilmember Owen moved to approve the Financial Reports. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fenner. Motion carried 3-2 with Councilmembers Magers and Glover voting against.

6.12 *4A current financial reports. Current Bills/Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

6.13 *4B current financial reports. Current Bills/Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Councilmember Glover moved to remove items 6.1 and 6.8 from the consent agenda and to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Councilmember Glover questioned item 6.1 and payment to Whitewright Automotive. Glover amended the motion to remove items 6.1, 6.8 and 6.11 from the consent agenda and to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Councilmember Magers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Report from Mayor – Jamie Lawrence

Dates of upcoming events:

Planning and Zoning meeting on January 10th at 6:30 PM

Board of Adjustment meeting on January 17th at 6:30 PM

Martin Luther King Day of Observance January 21st

Whitewright Economic Development Board meeting January 21st at 5:30 PM

Whitewright Public Library quarterly meeting January 22nd at 5:00 PM

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Consider and Act on purchase of salvage of 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe from Texas Municipal League in the amount of

\$500.00, and approve agreement between City of Whitewright and Horseplay Performance, LLC., regarding 2010 totaled Chevrolet Tahoe and replacement of engine in 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe Fire Command vehicle.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve the purchase and agreement. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

8.2 Consider and Act on 3-year contract with LaFollett and Abbott PLLC for FY 2018 – FY 2020 annual audits.

Councilmember Bodine moved to approve the agreement. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0. The council urges City Hall staff to make every effort to meet Ms. LaFollett's proposed timeline or better.

8.3 Consider and Act on Resolution # 455 designating the Official Newspaper for Fiscal Year 2019.

Councilmember Owen moved to approve Resolution # 455. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 8.4 Consider and Act** on Resolution # 456 authorizing submission of TxCDBG grant application. Councilmember Owen moved to discuss. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Owen moved to table (postpone) the item and noted that the due date is March 13, 2019. Motion died for lack of a second. Councilmember Glover moved to approve Resolution # 456. Councilmember Magers seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Owen abstained.
- 8.5 Consider and schedule** budget workshop, financial review and departmental review for January 29, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. Councilmember Owen made a motion to discuss. Councilmember Fenner seconded the motion. Owen moved to schedule the budget workshop for January 31, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Councilmember Glover seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- 8.6 Consider and act** on renewal of temporary fence at Nursing Home with National Construction Rentals. Current rental expired December 2018. Options are month to month, 6-month contract, 12-month contract or removal. We have a one-month rental for \$295.68 that expires 1/18/19. Councilmember Owen moved to approve the month to month rental thru April. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Mayor Lawrence read the Council into Executive Session at 7:38 PM.

Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

City Secretary

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. RECONVENE

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

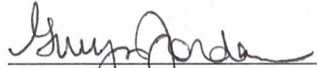
Mayor Lawrence reconvened the Council into regular session at 8:32 PM.

11. ADJOURN

Councilmember Owen moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bodine seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

ATTEST:



Tona Shiptet - City Secretary

Gwyn Jordan - Interim City Secretary



Mayor Jamie Lawrence