



City of Whitewright  
City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Whitewright Visitor Center  
111 W. Grand  
September 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The City of Whitewright met for a Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 2019 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	Bart Bodine
Councilmember	Rick Magers
Councilmember	Randy Glover

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sarah Owen, Dwayne Henderson, Mark Steinbach, Brandon Latimer, Michael Taylor, Rick Webber, Bryan Forth, Cheryl Harvey, Linda Blanton, Chris Ely, June Gail Purdom, Philip Guthrie, Gwyn Jordan

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Call to order by the Mayor. 6:31p.m.

2. **INVOCATION** – Given by Mark Steinbach

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Given

4. **ROLL CALL**

Jamie Lawrence — Mayor Present	Traci Barr – Present	Bart Bodine – Present
Rick Magers – Present	Randy Glover – Present	Jason Summers – Mayor Pro Tem - Absent

5. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED TAX RATE 2019-2020**

A tax rate of \$0.651424 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of the CITY OF WHITEWRIGHT proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of personnel and additional maintenance & operation expenses.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.651424 PER \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.643040 PER \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.603171 PER \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.651424 PER \$100

a. Citizens Comments

*Sarah Beth Owen – Questioned when and where notice was published for Public Hearing*

*Linda Blanton – We need more money allocated to the streets, costing citizens a lot of money to live here with repairs to vehicles*

*June Gail Purdom – Informed that the School has not gone up in years on taxes because of taxes from County*

b. Council Comments

*Councilmember Barr – questioned tax rate for previous year and how much the increase would be and where it would be allocated.*

*Councilmember Bodine informed that 4B would be taking back mowing to allow for more time for Public Works to work on road.*

c. Close Hearing

*Mayor Lawrence closed hearing 6:49 p.m.*

6. **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 provide factual information or provide existing City policy information in response to the inquiry, or propose to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Sec. 551.042 of Open Meetings Act).

*There were no comments.*

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, 2019

7.2 \*To review Ad Valorem taxes received for the month of July, 2019

7.3 \*Approve Minutes

a. August 6, 2019

b. August 20, 2019

c. August 27, 2019

7.4 \*Report from Fire Department — Chief Dwayne Henderson

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 — Chief Rick Webber

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 — Michael Taylor

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

*Councilmember Magers to accept the Consent Agenda*

*Councilmember Bodine second*

*Motion passed 4-0*

#### 8. Report from Mayor— Jamie Lawrence

##### Dates of upcoming events:

September 5<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning 6:30 p.m.

September 9<sup>th</sup> 4b 7:00 p.m.

September 10<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce 5:30 p.m.

September 12<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing/2<sup>nd</sup> Tax Hearing/Budget Workshop 6:30 p.m.

September 16<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament 10:30 a.m. Check in

September 19<sup>th</sup> Adopt the Budget/Ratify the Tax Rate/ Adopt the Tax Rate 6:30 p.m.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 4a 5:30 p.m.

#### 9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Consider and approve the budget revisions to 2018-2019 Budget

*Postponed*

9.2 Consider and approve the 2019-2020 Budget for the Whitewright Economic Development Board

*Councilmember Magers made a motion to discuss*

*Councilmember Traci Barr second*

*Councilmember Magers states that the WEDC should have a list of special projects*

*Councilmember Glover agrees that the WEDC budget should be more detailed.*

*Councilmember Barr questioned the staff salary*

*Councilmember Bodine made a motion to approve budget*

*No second motion dies*

*Councilmember Glover to postpone 9.2 and WEDC to provide commentary on budget*

*Councilmember Magers second*

*Motion passed 3-1*

#### 10. WORKSHOP

10.1 2019-2020 Budget Workshop

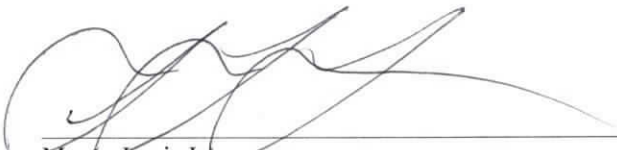
*Council discussed proposed budget with EMS, Fire and Police Department Leads*

#### 11. ADJOURN

*Mayor Lawrence adjourned at 8:07 p.m.*

ATTEST

  
Gwyn Jordan - Interim City Secretary

  
Mayor Jamie Lawrence