



**City of Whitewright  
City Council  
Called Meeting  
Whitewright Visitor Center  
111 W. Grand  
September 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

The City of Whitewright met for a Called Meeting, Friday, September 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitewright Visitors Center, the same being open to the public with the following members present:

<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Traci Barr</i>
<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Bart Bodine</i>
<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Rick Magers</i>
<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Randy Glover</i>
<i>Councilmember</i>	<i>Jason Summers</i>

**Others present:** Laurie Summers, James Tidwell, Mark Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Mark Steinbachen, Shennell Cox, Barbara Hughes, Kenneth Langham, Karen Anderson, Anita Richardson, Ron May, Suzanne May, Dee Ann Alexander, Linda Kain, John Simon, Sara Beth Owen, Suzy Sauls, Gwyn Jordan, Officer Scott, Gene Shaw, Sandra Shaw, Wende Andrew, Philip Guthrie

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Call to order by the Mayor at 6:32 p.m.

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

**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 - Present

**5. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020**

The City Council for the City of Whitewright, Texas will hold one public hearing on the 2019-2020 Fiscal Budget of the City of Whitewright, Texas (Budget) on ~~Thursday~~ Friday, September ~~12~~ 13, 2019 at 6:30 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, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020

a. Citizens Comments

*Mark Steinbachen – Feels it is a reasonable rate and the firetruck discussed would be an asset to our city.*

b. Council Comments

*None*

**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

*None*

b. Council Comments

*Councilmember Barr wanted to know the difference in effective rate and rollback tax rate on a \$150,000.00 home. Informed approximately 70.00. Can the additional be allocated to streets.*

## PLANNING AND ZONING

For the legal purpose of a re-plat at 1993 Beasley Blvd, Whitewright TX, from one (1) lot to be split into two (2) lots. Property ID 129761 G-0768 MCDANIEL GRANGER A-G0768, ACRES 1.964, geographic ID 233 076804205 of the Grayson County Appraisal District of Grayson County, Texas presently classified as (C-2) Commercial District-General

a. Citizens Comments

*None*

b. Council Comments

*Councilmember Glover wanted to know if P&Z had approved Philip Guthrie addressed his concerns Councilmember Summers asked if the sale of the property was contingent on the replat being approved.*

c. Close Public Hearing

**CITIZEN INPUT:** *At this time, any person may address the Whitewright City Council regarding an item on this meeting agenda that is not scheduled for public hearing. Each person will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak.*

*Sheriff Mark Johnson spoke to the fact that our police are great to work with and appreciates all help they give his department. Always available to work with Mayor and Police Department to help anyway he can.*

*John Simon – Current proposed budget does not include actual budget from last year  
Alicia Tuner – Discussed her concern with the website being antiquated and hard to manipulate and having to research to find out information she is seeing on Facebook. Would like to see information easier to see. Feels like not being transparent. Post agendas in PDF file.*

*Council took Executive session out of order at 7:06 p.m. Reconvened at 8:41 p.m.*

### 6. ACTION ITEMS

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

*Councilmember Barr made a motion to discuss*

*Councilmember Glover second*

*Surplus will be used for special projects as they become known and budget will be amended to council at that time, there are no special projects on the books to date. staff salary was discussed.*

*Councilmember Jason Summers made a motion to accept WEDC budget.*

*Councilmember Bart Bodine second*

*Motion passed 3-1, 1 abstained*

**6.2** Consider and approve Planning & Zoning nominees for alternates to the board

*Councilmember Glover made a motion to discuss*

*Councilmember Jason Summers second*

*Question was posed is Ben Mitchem a good citizen and does anyone know him. Philip confirmed that he is a Volunteer Fire Fighter and Rookie of the Year last year. Councilmember Magers confirmed that he knew him.*

*Councilmember Barr made a motion to approve Ben Mitchem to board*

*Councilmember Bodine second*

*Motion passed 5-0*

**6.3** Consider and approve re-plat at 1993 Beasley Blvd.

*Councilmember Bodine made a motion to approve replat of 1993 Beasley Blvd.*

*Councilmember Summers second*

*Motion passed 5-0*

### 7. WORKSHOP

**7.1** 2019-2020 Budget Workshop

*Council discussed proposed budget.*

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION** *Council convened into executive session at 7.06 p.m.*

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 551.074, Personnel Matters; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Personnel Evaluations – Department Heads

**END EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**9. RECONVENE**

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

Personnel Evaluations – Department Heads

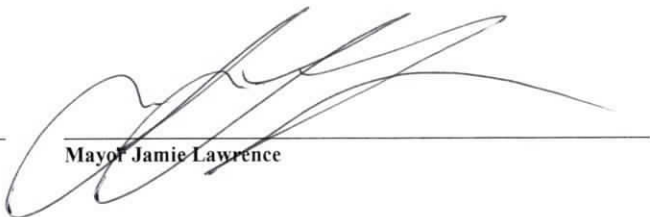
*Council reconvened at 8:41 p.m. No action was taken.*

**10. ADJOURN**

*Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.*

ATTEST:

  
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Gwyn Jordan – Interim City Secretary

  
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Mayor Jamie Lawrence

# Notice of City Council Meeting Change:

The Thursday, September 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m., City Council Meeting and Public Hearings are continued until Friday, September 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at 111 W. Grand, Whitewright, Texas. Please see the updated agenda.