

City Council
April 13, 2021

A City of Waxahachie City Council Retreat was held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, Crape Myrtle Room, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Waxahachie, Texas on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Council Members Present: David Hill, Mayor, Council Member Place 1
Mary Lou Shipley, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Council Member
Melissa Olson, Council Member Place 3
Doug Barnes, Council Member Place 2

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Tommy Ludwig, Assistant City Manager
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Presentations and Discussion:

- Introduction - City Manager Michael Scott thanked everyone for their attendance and explained the purpose of the retreat is to give department updates to City Council and discuss future projects and requests for City Council.
- Terry Welch, Brown & Hofmeister, provided a legislative update of possible bills, if approved, that will affect cities.
- City Attorney Robert Brown provided a general overview of Special Districts.
- Jason Moardo, ETC, reviewed the Community Survey results.
- Director of Communications and Marketing Amy Borders reviewed the 2021 Railyard Park schedule and potential events.
- Director of Public Works and Engineering James Gaertner reviewed the FY 21 Street Rehabs and Sidewalks projects.
- Jon Vidaurri, Vidaurri Management Group, reviewed the City Hall Annex project noting construction is expected to begin in July 2021 with a project completion of September 2022.
- Director of Utilities David Bailey reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant progress.
- Planning Director Shon Brooks provided an update on the Midlothian/Waxahachie Trail which would run from Getzendaner Park to Midlothian Parkway.
- Parks and Recreation Director Gumaro Martinez reviewed the following Parks Projects: Penn Park Pool, Lake Parks Master Plan, Park Restrooms, and Splash Pad Season.
- Downtown Development Director Anita Simpson reviewed the new Farmer's Market Location at the old ag building at 701 Howard Road.
- Building and Community Services Director Jose Martinez provided an overview of the West End Project Demolition.

- Assistant City Manager Albert Lawrence reviewed the following city owned properties: West End Project, West 287 Project, Downtown Lots, and Old Police Department Building.
- Assistant Director of Utilities Richard Abernathy reviewed AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure), also known as smart meters, for meter conversion project.
- Fire Chief Ricky Boyd reviewed the progress of Fire Station No. 4 noting the estimated construction cost is \$5,250,000.
- Mr. Brooks provided an update on revising the Comprehensive Plan noting the plan should be completed by June 2022.
- Police Chief Wade Goolsby and Assistant to the City Manager Chelsey Gordon reviewed the potential opportunity to do a partnership with other municipalities for a joint animal shelter or to possibly assist with renovations of current SPCA facilities.
- City Manager Michael Scott and Finance Director Chad Tustison reviewed 5 Year CIP for Streets, Parks, Public Safety, General, and Water and Wastewater. Mr. Tustison reviewed bond and debt capacity. They also discussed potential changes in projects, priorities, and funding strategies.
- Mr. Tustison reviewed the FY 22 Budget Timeline and anticipated meeting dates.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary