

City Council  
June 15, 2021

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas, on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Doug Barnes, Mayor, Council Member Place 2  
Billie Wallace, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 4  
David Hill, Council Member Place 1  
Melissa Olson, Council Member Place 3  
Travis Smith, Council Member Place 5

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

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance**

City Manager Michael Scott gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Canvass and accept votes of City Council Runoff Election held on June 5, 2021**

Mr. Chris Wright, 808 W. Marvin, Waxahachie, Texas, thanked Council Member Chuck Beatty for his service, congratulated Billie Wallace and Travis Smith on their honest election campaign, and expressed his opposition for placing politics in a non-partisan election. He expressed his concern with private discussions from current and new council members. He requested prayers for health improvements for Lori Cartwright, Danny Knight, and Tim King.

Ms. Stacey Bailey, 105 Sunburst Drive, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke in support of Council not making a decision regarding Council leadership without prior discussion or input from citizens. She thanked past, current, and new Council Members for their service.

Mayor Hill canvassed the election returns of the City Council Runoff Election held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 as follows:

Place 4	Billie Wallace	1,381
Place 4	Paul Christenson	846
Total Votes Cast:		2,227
Place 5	Travis M. Smith	1,287
Place 5	Charles "Chuck" Beatty	963
Total Votes Cast:		2,250

**Action:**

*Council Member Melissa Olson moved to accept the election returns of the City Council Runoff Election held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 as presented. Council Member Doug Barnes seconded, the vote was as follows: Ayes: David Hill, Chuck Beatty, Melissa Olson, and Doug Barnes. Noes: None.*

***The motion carried.***

**5. Administer Oaths of Office to Council Member Place 4 and Council Member Place 5**

City Secretary Amber Villarreal administered the Oaths of Office to Billie Wallace, Council Member Place 4 and Travis Smith, Council Member Place 5.

**6. Organization of City Council**

**Action:**

*Mayor David Hill moved David Hill be nominated and elected as Mayor of the City of Waxahachie. Council Member Travis Smith seconded, the vote was as follows: Ayes: David Hill. Noes: Melissa Olson, Doug Barnes, Billie Wallace, and Travis Smith.*

***The motion died.***

**Action:**

*Council Member Billie Wallace moved Doug Barnes be nominated and elected as Mayor of the City of Waxahachie. Council Member Travis Smith seconded, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Melissa Olson, Doug Barnes, Billie Wallace, and Travis Smith. Noes: David Hill.*

***The motion carried.***

**Action:**

*Council Member Travis Smith moved Billie Wallace be nominated and elected as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Waxahachie. Mayor Doug Barnes seconded, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Melissa Olson, Doug Barnes, Billie Wallace, and Travis Smith. Noes: David Hill.*

***The motion carried.***

**7. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager**

Assistant City Manager Tommy Ludwig thanked Chuck Beatty and Mary Lou Shipley for their service and congratulated the new Council Members, new Mayor, and new Mayor Pro Tem.

Assistant City Manager Albert Lawrence echoed Mr. Ludwig's comments.

Mayor Doug Barnes congratulated the new Council Members noting the goal moving forward is to continue making Waxahachie a place to live and work in. He encouraged citizen participation in local government and explained Council will continue to build on the foundation of previous councils. He stated it is an honor and privilege to serve as Mayor of Waxahachie. He commended

David Hill noting he was responsible for getting the vaccine hub started and worked diligently day and night.

Council Member Travis Smith stated Chuck Beatty set the bar high and it is truly an honor to serve. He thanked his family for their support during his campaign. He noted he is looking forward to serving Waxahachie and working on the Comprehensive Plan so what makes Waxahachie special isn't lost.

City Manager Michael Scott congratulated Chuck Beatty on his retirement and thanked him for his service. He echoed Mr. Barnes comments about the city's progress moving forward. Mr. Scott thanked David Hill for his service and leadership during a pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace thanked the leaders of Council who have previously served. She noted she appreciates the support from the citizens and will work hard for this city.

Council Member Melissa Olson thanked David Hill for his service and thanked Chuck Beatty for always having a smile on his face.

City Attorney Robert Brown noted it has been a pleasure serving with current Council and congratulated the new members. He thanked David Hill for his service.

City Secretary Amber Villarreal welcomed new Council Members, thanked Chuck Beatty and Mary Lou Shipley for their service, and thanked David Hill for his support as Mayor.

David Hill stated it has been a great time serving on Council and serving as Mayor. He thanked the citizens for getting through the pandemic noting 81,000 people were vaccinated through the Ellis County Hub. He thanked Chuck Beatty for his service noting Mr. Beatty served on council during the construction of the Sports Complex, Civic Center, and City Hall renovations.

## **8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
City Secretary