

City Council
July 6, 2021

A briefing session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas, on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:30 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
Terry Welch, City Attorney
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary
Jami Bonner, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Doug Barnes called the meeting to order.

2. Conduct a briefing to discuss items for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting

City Manager Michael Scott reviewed the following agenda items:

- 5d-5f. event applications for Waxahachie Homecoming Parade on October 22, 2021, Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 30, 2021, and Hachie 50 on April 23, 2022.

Planning Director Shon Brooks reviewed the following:

- Items 6-7. ZDC-58-2021, applicant requested to continue to the August 2, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 8-9. ZDC-83-2021, applicant requested to continue to the September 20, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Item 10. SUB-80-2021, applicant requested to withdraw request due to increased infrastructure costs.
- Items 11-12. SP-85-2021, staff recommended approval per staff comments and Development Agreement.
- Items 14-15. ZDC-87-2021, staff recommended approval with Development Agreement. Public Works & Engineering Director James Gaertner noted the city is not improving the alley and it will need to be paved in order for the properties to access the rear entries.
- Items 17-18. ZDC-84-2021, applicant requested to continue to the August 2, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 19-21. ZDC-81-2021, staff recommended approval per staff comments and Development Agreement. Mr. Brooks noted the applicant is requesting a variance to the sidewalk requirement and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended granting their request.

Fire Chief Ricky Boyd reviewed Item 22. explaining Requests for Proposals were received and evaluated for the Construction Manager at Risk to oversee the construction process of Fire Station No. 4. He noted staff and the project architect reviewed the proposals and recommended entering into a contract with WRL General Contractors for a total fee of \$416,085.

Parks and Recreation Director Gumaro Martinez reviewed Item 23. noting the demolition and reconstruction of the existing Lee Penn Park Pool and Bathhouse Project is a continuation of the park improvements. He explained bids were received and staff is recommending awarding the contract to MSB Constructors, Inc. including the following alternates:

- Alternate #1 – Pre-Fabricated Lockers \$13,375
- Alternate #2 – 20 ft. Diameter “Cool Brellas” \$69,320
- Alternate #3 – Shade Sail Canopies \$95,730
- Alternate #4 – Additional Waterplay Equipment \$37,735
- Alternate #6 – Security System \$25,000
- Alternate #10 – Storm Sewer Piping to Alternate Discharge Location \$3,510

Mr. Martinez explained staff also recommended authorizing a supplemental appropriation of \$197,381 from the General Fund Unrestricted Reserve balance and authorizing \$400,000 from the Park Dedication Fee Fund for the shortfall. Mr. Scott noted this park project is ideal for use of Park Dedication Fees.

Assistant Director of Utilities Brandon Lacy reviewed the following agenda items:

- Item 5g. Staff recommended a contract renewal agreement with Evoqua Water Technologies for the purchase of sodium chlorite and the rental and maintenance of generators utilized to create chlorine dioxide for water treatment purposes at the Howard Road and Robert W. Sokoll Water Treatment Plants.
- Item 5h. Staff recommended exercising the contract renewal option for the Water Treatment Chemical bids for Howard Road and Robert W. Sokoll Water Treatment Plants.
- Item 24. Staff recommended award of a three-year service agreement with Machining & Valve Automation Services, LLC associated with repairs, parts, and service on valves, actuators, control mechanism and appurtenances for the Utility Department.

Council Member Melissa Olson inquired about City Council’s interest in amending the charter to allow the citizens to elect a Mayor. Mr. Scott explained the legal requirements for amending a charter and noted the earliest election day is the May 2022 general election.

Council Member Travis Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace expressed their preference to review and potentially amend the entire charter.

Mayor Barnes suggested reviewing the entire charter and propose amendments that are best for the whole city.

Council Member Smith explained he would like to look at both sides of possibly electing a Mayor and asked for a citizen review committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Wallace noted she would like to survey citizens about their preference.

It was the consensus of Council to conduct a charter election in November 2022.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary