

City Council
July 19, 2021

A regular 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 on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 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
Jami Bonner, Assistant City Secretary
Clarice Crocker, Administrative Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Doug Barnes called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Barnes gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

Mr. Jim Kauffman, 817 W. Main, Waxahachie, Texas, expressed concerns in regards to the recently implemented waste collection service and encouraged staff to consider opportunities to reduce the visibility of the waste containers across the City.

Mr. Alan Fox, 327 University, Waxahachie, Texas, recognized Chuck Beatty and Mary Lou Shipley for their admirable character and encouraged citizens to follow their example by prioritizing Waxahachie community. Mr. Fox stated his support to name the new City Hall Annex Building after Mr. Beatty.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the City Council meeting of July 6, 2021
- b. Minutes of the City Council briefing of July 6, 2021
- c. Event application for Dallas Wings Smash the Stigma Community 5k on August 14, 2021
- d. Event application for Hispanic Heritage Celebration Festival on September 11, 2021
- e. Event application for The Heights Walk on October 2, 2021
- f. Event application for Markert Strong Benefit Concert on October 8, 2021
- g. Ratification with First Baptist Church for shared parking agreement at Sports Complex
- h. Budget Adjustment from Police Department

Action:

Council Member Travis Smith moved to approve items a. through h. on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Melissa Olson seconded, All Ayes.

6. Recognize Ms. Mary Lou Shipley for her service as Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Member

Mayor Barnes presented a plaque and bookends to Ms. Mary Lou Shipley in recognition for her service as Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Member. Mayor Barnes congratulated Ms. Shipley on a successful tenure and expressed that it has been a privilege to serve on the City Council together.

7. Recognize Mr. Charles “Chuck” Beatty for his service as Mayor and City Council Member

Mayor Barnes presented a plaque and bookends to Mr. Charles “Chuck” Beatty for his service as Mayor and City Council Member. Mayor Barnes highlighted Mr. Beatty’s 26 years as a City Council Member, serving as Mayor from 1997 – 2001. Mayor Barnes stated that Mr. Beatty will be remembered for his many contributions to the community, including his dedication to the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Beatty addressed the Mayor, City Council, staff, citizens, and good friends. First stating that it has been a great honor of his life to serve with Ms. Mary Lou Shipley. Reflecting on his service, he characterized his time on the City Council with two words, elephant and whale. He stated he had an “Elephant of an experience serving on the Council, I had a whale of a good time.” Mr. Beatty closed his remarks with a personally written poem, “I will follow my heart where it leads me, pour out my love to every being living, and find happiness in just the love I’m given”.

8. Consider proposed Resolution naming the City Hall Annex Building

Mayor Barnes announced this item was removed from the agenda.

9. Public Hearing on a request by Terri Atteberry, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Accessory Building +700 SF located at 131 Lakeshore Drive (Property ID 182032) - Owner: GERALD D SKINNER, JR & TERRI L ATTEBERRY (ZDC-94-2021)

Mayor Barnes opened the Public Hearing.

Planning Director Shon Brooks reported the applicant is requesting to construct a +700 sq. ft. accessory structure on a single family property. The applicant is also requesting a side yard setback variance for the proposed structure. Mr. Brooks recommended approval per the following staff comments:

- The applicant will need to obtain a building permit from the City of Waxahachie Building Inspections department prior to construction of the proposed structure.
- A concrete drive that leads from the home to the accessory structure shall be provided by the applicant.
- The structure shall not be used as a dwelling.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-94-2021, Mayor Barnes closed the Public Hearing.

10. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-94-2021

ORDINANCE NO. 3283

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT A +700 SQUARE FOOT ACCESSORY BUILDING USE WITHIN A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-23-SINGLE FAMILY-1 (PD-23-SF1) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 131 LAKESHORE DRIVE, PROPERTY ID 182032, BEING ABSTRACT 272 OF THE S M DURRETT SURVEY, IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Council Member Melissa Olson moved to approve Ordinance No. 3283 per staff comments. Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace seconded, All Ayes.

11. Convene into Executive Session for consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation as permitted under Section 551.071, Texas Government Code

Mayor Barnes announced at 7:23 p.m. the City Council would convene into Executive Session for consultation with attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation as permitted under Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

12. Reconvene and take any necessary action

The meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

Action:

No action taken.

13. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager

Council Member Travis Smith expressed his gratitude to staff for coordinating a tour of the Waxahachie Waste Water Treatment Plant for the City Council. Mr. Smith encouraged the City Council to be mindful that the Council serves as a voice for the residents and to work together to focus on what is best for Waxahachie.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jami Bonner
Assistant City Secretary