

City Council  
October 4, 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 Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:00 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, Deputy City Manager  
Shon Brooks, Executive Director of Development Services  
Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director Park & Leisure Services  
Richard Abernethy, Director of Administrative Services  
Robert Brown, City Attorney  
Amber Villarreal, 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 thanked City Council for the new fiscal year budget and he reviewed the following agenda items:

- Items 5d-5i. event applications for Texas Country Reporter Festival to be held October 23, 2021, Big Al-O-Ween Party on October 30, 2021, Gingerbread Trail Car Show on June 4, 2022, Cars in the Park Car Show on July 16, 2022, Waxahachie Fun Run Car Show on August 20, 2022, and St. Jude Car Show on October 1, 2022.
- Item 6. Markert Strong Day in Waxahachie Proclamation.
- Item 25. Ryan Pitts, Logan Brady, and John Tabor were suggested by some Council members. He explained all five members terms are expiring and Council may nominate up to five people. Once the ballot is finalized by the Ellis County Appraisal District, City Council will vote by resolution in December.

Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director Park & Leisure Services, reviewed the following items:

- Item 5j. supplemental appropriation to carry forward the unencumbered portion (\$45,643.44) of approved FY21 funding to FY22 for improvements at the Wags-A-Hachie Dog Park.
- Item 5k. supplemental appropriation increasing FY22 Civic Center budget for maintenance, building (upkeep) by \$45,000, plus a 10% contingency for the compressor replacement.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Martinez explained the urgency of this request and noted the item will be added to the next Waxahachie Community Development Corporation agenda so the Board is aware of the expense.

Police Chief Wade Goolsby reviewed the following items:

- Item 7. the Waxahachie Police Department is receiving its second recertification for meeting all standards in the Texas Police Chief Association Best Practices Program.
- Item 28. requested approval to contract with Taft & Associates to fill the position of Crisis Response Specialist under their organization's name and supervision. He explained the contract would provide a full-time employee at the Police Department but would have the resources of an entire organization for support. City Council approved a budget of \$97,6565 in salary and benefits for the position and the contract is for \$88,000 which will cover salary and benefits, but not any potential overtime.

Shon Brooks, Executive Director of Development Services, reviewed the following agenda items:

- Items 8-9. ZDC-133-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the October 18, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 10-11. ZDC-134-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the November 1, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 12-13. ZDC-140-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the October 18, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 14-15. ZDC-122-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the November 15, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 16-17. ZDC-105-2021, the Planning & Zoning Commission continued the case to the November 15, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Item 18. SUB-135-2021, applicant is requesting to replat the subject property from one (1) lot to two (2) lots for general retail. Due to the right-of-way dedication, the applicant is also requesting a Petition of Relief Waiver. Staff recommends approval as presented.
- Item 19. SUB-56-2020, applicant is requesting to plat the subject property into thirteen (13) lots for single family residential use. The applicant is also requesting a Petition of Relief Waiver to exceed the maximum length requirement for a dead-end street. The applicant is also requesting a Petition of Hardship Request due to fire flow to homes within the subdivision. Due to the Ellis County Fire Marshall's support of the proposed development, Staff recommends approval as presented.
- Items 20-21. ZDC-136-2021, applicant is requesting a Specific Use Permit to allow two (2) recycling bins to be located at 204 E Parks Ave. Staff recommends approval per staff comments.
- Items 22-24. ZDC-131-2021, applicant is requesting to change the zoning from Single-Family-3 (SF-3) to Planned Development-Single-Family-3 (PD-SF-3) to allow a private club (event center) use. The applicant added nine additional parking spaces to the revised site plan. Staff recommends approval as presented.

Finance Director Chad Tustison reviewed Item 26. noting the proposed Investment Policy outlines the City's investment strategy, standards of care, authorized investments, policy guidelines, prohibited investments and reporting. He explained approval of the Investment Policy is required by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.

Assistant Utilities Director Kip Dernovich reviewed Item 27. noting the increase in water and waste water service fees is to cover the price of operations. He explained the last increase was in 2017 and current rates are not covering operational costs. Even with the proposed increases, the Utilities still charge some of the lowest, if not the lowest, fees compared to other local jurisdictions.

Council Member Melissa Olson asked if the fee increases will affect current residents and Mr. Dernovich noted the increased fees are for newly set meters with new construction.

### **3. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
City Secretary