

City Council
November 15, 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, November 15, 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 reviewed the following items:

- Item 5d, annual Interlocal Agreement with Ellis County to coordinate services to efficiently repair roads that align with our ETJ.
- Item 5e, Impact Fee Capital Improvement Advisory Committee's Capital Improvement Plan annual fiscal year update.
- Item 5f, private Sanitary Sewer Easement within Sports Complex property.
- Item 5g, resolution electing to participate in the proposed Opioid Settlements presented by the State of Texas.

Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director Park & Leisure Services, reviewed item 5h. noting the request would use WCDC reserves to fund power distribution boxes and cable connections to Railyard Park.

James Villarreal, Assistant Director of Sports Complex, reviewed item 5i. noting the request is to approve the Synthetic Turf Improvements Project Phase 2 and approve supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.

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

- ANX-DNX-178-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting.
- ZDC-162-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting.

- ZDC-105-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting.
- ZDC-155-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting.
- ZDC-146-2021, applicant requested to continue this case to the December 6, 2021 City Council meeting.
- ZDC-157-2021, applicant is requesting approval to construct a 288 sq. ft. accessory structure to be used as a dwelling and staff recommends approval per staff comments.
- ZDC-164-2021, applicant is requesting a zoning change from Future Development to Planned Development-Future Development to allow for outside storage and trailer parking for HGO Tire Shop. Due to staff's concerns with safety and the Zoning Ordinance, staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend denial. He explained there is no primary use for the site and the use of storage is considered an accessory use. The Zoning Ordinance states an accessory use cannot occupy the property alone.
- ZDC-150-2021, applicant is requesting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow outside storage as part of a proposed Caliber Collision and staff recommends approval per staff comments.

Council Member Travis Smith expressed concerns with the sufficiency of the screening wall.

Anita Simpson, Downtown Development Director, reviewed the following items:

- Item 23, the Residential Historic Preservation Design Guidelines has been an extensive project led by the Heritage Preservation Commission and consultant Winter & Company, along with public input through meetings and surveys. She explained the guidelines will be voluntary and only used as a tool to assist property owners with maintaining the investment of their historic homes.

Mayor Barnes and Council Member Melissa Olson thanked the Heritage Preservation Commission for all their work noting the guidelines are easy to read and understand.

- Item 24, the Farmers Market vendors reported 2021 seasonal sales of \$257,352.36. She explained this is the 19th year of the Farmers Market and 2021 sales represents the highest sales total ever reported for a season and an almost 42% increase over the previous best year in 2019.

Police Chief Wade Goolsby reviewed item 25 noting the proposed golf cart ordinance was drafted from comments and requests from City Council at their September Work Session. He explained the proposed ordinance would make the rules the same for golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, and off-highway vehicles in order to simplify the rules. The ordinance would provide a balance of allowing the operation of those vehicles on streets in the safest manner.

Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace expressed her concern with the safety of passengers by allowing those vehicles on the roadway and explained she could not support the ordinance for that reason.

Council Member David Hill requested to change the term "golf cart" to "vehicles" in the proposed ordinance.

Council Member Smith inquired about the operation hours and noted he supports allowing the vehicles to be driven at night with appropriate lighting. He noted allowance will support quality of life in neighborhoods.

Council Member Olson explained she supports the ordinance as written to allow police enforcement, but is apprehensive about extending the hours to after dark.

Chief Goolsby shared the same concerns as Mayor Pro Tem Wallace and explained the ordinance was written per Council's direction. He explained the ordinance can be revised with Council's requests.

3. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary