

City Council  
February 21, 2022

A Work 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 on Monday, February 21, 2022 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  
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary

## **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Doug Barnes called the meeting to order.

## **2. Hear update from Oncor on recurring power outages**

Kerric Bradford, Oncor representative, reviewed the winter preparedness plans noting Oncor maintains poles and wires only and does not own or generate electricity. He explained planning occurs year-round through forecasting and predictive analytics. Oncor has made improvements to inventory and has agreements in place in the event additional resources are needed for emergency events. During the last outage, the Garden Valley/Indian Hills area lost power due to a wire falling as weather transitioned into freezing rain/ice combined with the cold load pickup. He explained Oncor works closely with City staff to meet growth demands for electricity.

Michael Zapata, Oncor representative, reported two substation transformers have been upgraded as well as three new feeder breakers at the Waxahachie substation. He noted there is always enough energy and Oncor plans for additional growth.

In closing, Mr. Bradford explained Oncor is prepared but there are no guarantees outages will not occur.

Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace thanked Oncor for their report and preparation for growth.

Merrill Huckabee, Oncor representative, explained Oncor plans five to ten years out and automation has improved service.

Council Member Travis Smith inquired about Oncor coordinating with the City in regards to planning for future growth.

Mr. Bradford explained Oncor is always notified when developments are proposed.

City Manager Michael Scott explained Oncor participates in meetings when large developments are proposed.

Mayor Barnes thanked Mr. Bradford and the Oncor team for their update.

**3. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
City Secretary