

City Council  
June 28, 2022

A special 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, Waxahachie, Texas, on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: David Hill, Mayor, Council Member Place 1  
Chris Wright, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 3  
Billie Wallace, Council Member Place 4  
Travis Smith, Council Member Place 5  
Patrick Souter, Council Member Place 2

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager  
Albert Lawrence, Deputy City Manager  
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Doug Barnes called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance**

Pastor Bruce Zimmerman, Waxahachie Bible Church, gave the invocation. City Manager Michael Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Public Comments**

Alan Fox, 327 University, Waxahachie, Texas, thanked outgoing Mayor Doug Barnes for his service to the City and its citizens.

**5. Canvass and accept votes of City Council Runoff Election held on June 18, 2022**

Mayor Doug Barnes canvassed the election returns of the City Council Runoff Election held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 as follows:

Place 2	Doug Barnes	432
Place 2	Patrick Souter	461
Total Votes Cast:		893

**Action:**

*Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace moved to accept the election returns of the City Council Runoff Election held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 as stated. Council Member Travis Smith seconded, All Ayes.*

Mr. Doug Barnes congratulated Patrick Souter on his victory and wished him well. Mr. Barnes extended thanks to fellow council members, City staff, and the citizens for allowing him the privilege to serve Waxahachie.

**6. Administer Oath of Office to Council Member Place 2**

City Secretary Amber Villarreal administered the Oath of Office to Patrick Souter, Council Member Place 2.

**7. Organization of City Council**

**Action:**

*Council Member Patrick Souter moved David Hill be nominated and appointed as Mayor of the City of Waxahachie. Council Member Chris Wright seconded, the vote was as follows: Ayes: David Hill, Travis Smith, Chris Wright, and Patrick Souter. Noes: Billie Wallace.*

***The motion carried.***

**Action:**

*Council Member Patrick Souter moved Chris Wright be nominated and appointed as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Waxahachie. Mayor David Hill seconded, the vote was as follows: Ayes: David Hill, Chris Wright, and Patrick Souter. Noes: Billie Wallace and Travis Smith.*

***The motion carried.***

**8. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager**

City Secretary Amber Villarreal welcomed new Council Members Chris Wright and Patrick Souter and thanked outgoing Council Members Doug Barnes and Melissa Olson for their service.

Mayor David Hill thanked Doug Barnes and Melissa Olson for their service and welcomed new Council Members. Mayor Hill also thanked his wife Mickie for her support.

Council Member Patrick Souter thanked Doug Barnes and Melissa Olson for their service, the citizens of Waxahachie for their support to his campaign, and City staff. Council Member Souter also thanked his wife Lori for her support during the election and noted he is ready to work for the citizens.

City Manager Michael Scott congratulated Council Member Souter on his election victory and noted he is looking forward to working with the new Council Members. Mr. Scott thanked Doug Barnes for his service as the previous Economic Development Director and for his continued service through City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright thanked Melissa Olson for her assistance during his transition to City Council and thanked Doug Barnes for his friendship and service to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Wright thanked his wife Amy for allowing him to serve on City Council. He encouraged more citizen participation in Keep Waxahachie Beautiful cleanups. Mr. Wright acknowledged HEB as a great partner in the community by offering to build a new elementary school in Uvalde.

Deputy City Manager Albert Lawrence echoed Mr. Scott's comments and noted staff is available to assist new Council Members. He thanked Doug Barnes for his support of the organization and wished him well in his retirement.

Council Member Billie Wallace thanked Melissa Olson for her service on City Council noting she was always prepared. Council Member Wallace also thanked Doug Barnes for his servants' heart, experience and compassion. She noted she is looking forward to working hard to serve the citizens and thanked them for the opportunity to serve.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
City Secretary