

City Council  
August 4, 2022

A Work Session 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 Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: David Hill, Mayor, Council Member Place 1  
Chris Wright, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 3  
Patrick Souter, Council Member Place 2  
Billie Wallace, Council Member Place 4  
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  
Chad Tustison, Finance Director  
Clarice Crocker, Records Coordinator

## **1. Call to Order**

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

## **2. Discussion of City of Waxahachie Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget**

City Manager Michael Scott stated this is the second work session, the City Council held a work session in June to review the budget initially. He explained this work session is to review updated information and will reflect discussion held at the first budget meeting.

Finance Director Chad Tustison presented an update regarding the FY 2023 Budget and reviewed the following items:

- Inflation and Budget Impact
- FY 2023 Proposed Budget
- FY 2023 General Fund by Function
- Property Tax Update
- Impact to Homeowner
- Breakdown of Tax Bill
- Sales Tax Revenue Updates
- Other Updates
- Fund Summary: General Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, and WCDC Fund
- Current Rates and Exemptions
- Residence Homestead Tax Ceiling/Freeze
- Local Homestead Exemption
- Ad Valorem Levy Calculation
- Budget Next Steps
  - August 15<sup>th</sup> – Consider Proposed Tax Rate and Set Hearing Date
  - August 30<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing on Budget and Tax Rate
  - September 6<sup>th</sup> – Budget and Tax Rate Adoption

Mr. Tustison stated the FY 2023 proposed budget is for \$115 million dollars. Mr. Tustison reviewed the Net Taxable Value noting the increase in FY 2021 was \$3.96 billion, \$5.17 billion in FY 2022, which is a \$1.21 billion / 30% taxable value increase for the city. With the value increases, Staff is proposing a three-cent decrease, from \$0.6600 to \$0.6300. Mr. Tustison reviewed the impact to a homeowner on the home value of \$250,000, noting the City also provides homestead exemptions to Senior and Disabled Persons, equating to over \$1.5 million in property tax relief. Mr. Tustison reviewed the Current Rates and Exemptions of surrounding areas. City Council held discussion and expressed support for Staff to review the increase of exemptions for citizens and to add additional comparable cities to the chart for next year's budget process.

### **3. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager**

Mayor Hill thanked City Council for good discussion of budget.

Mr. Scott thanked City Council for their support and direction with the budget process.

### **4. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarice Crocker  
Records Coordinator