

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation
November 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC) was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Daniel Morton, President
Elizabeth Tull, Vice President
David Hill, Mayor
Michael Scott, City Manager
Bob Lynn
David McSpadden
Jim Phillips

Ex-Officio Amber Villarreal, City Secretary
Members Present: Chad Tustison, Director of Finance

Ex-Officio Kevin Strength, President/CEO Chamber of Commerce
Members Absent:

Others Present: Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation
Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau
Chris Seale, Horticulturist
James Villarreal, Assistant Director Sports Complex

1. Call to Order

President Dan Morton called the meeting to order. City Manager Michael Scott introduced and welcomed Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Reorganize the Board

Action:

Mr. David McSpadden moved to nominate Dan Morton as President. Ms. Elizabeth Tull seconded, All Ayes.

President Dan Morton nominated Bob Lynn as Vice President and Mr. Lynn respectfully declined.

Mr. Bob Lynn moved to nominate Elizabeth Tull as Vice President. President Dan Morton seconded, All Ayes.

4. Approval of minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation regular meeting of September 13, 2022 and work session of October 18, 2022

Action:

Vice President Elizabeth Tull moved to approve minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation regular meeting of September 13, 2022 and work session of October 18, 2022. President Dan Morton seconded, All Ayes.

5. Consider contract with Sports Fields, Inc. for Synthetic Turf Improvements Project Phase III

James Villarreal, Assistant Director Sports Complex, requested approval of a contract with Sports Fields, Inc. in the amount of \$860,900 for Waxahachie Sports Complex Synthetic Turf Improvements Phase III Project. He explained bids were solicited, received, and reviewed with our consultant, CEI Engineering. Since the bid was over the budgeted amount, the engineer contacted Sports Fields, Inc. to value-engineer the project and find potential cost savings; therefore, providing \$34,300 in cost savings.

Action:

Mr. David McSpadden moved to approve the contract with Sports Fields, Inc. for Synthetic Turf Improvements Project Phase III in the amount of \$860,900. President Dan Morton seconded, All Ayes.

6. Hear update of activities from Convention & Visitors Bureau Director

Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau, thanked all City employees for contributing to the success of the Texas Country Reporter Festival, Cowboy Poet Gathering, and 10 days of Stampede of Speed events. Ms. Mosley explained the advertising and promotional media Waxahachie received through Texas Monthly, CBS 11, TXA 21 was beneficial. She presented an update of upcoming activities: Brewed: Coffee & Tea Festival, Jingle Jam Parade Pre-Party, Lighted Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, and YMCA Santa Run.

7. Hear update of activities at the Civic Center

President Morton announced April Ortiz, Civic Center Director, provided an update of activities in the agenda packet.

8. Hear update of Community Beautification

Chris Seale, Horticulturist, noted all pumpkins will be donated and Christmas decorations will be installed and completed by November 30th. He reported staff is currently working on seasonal color change outs and has completed ryegrass over seeding at South Downtown Parking Lot, Bynum Plaza, City Hall, and the Civic Center.

Vice President Tull noted she has received positive feedback on beautification efforts in the city.

Mr. Seale recognized Reza Yavarikhan, Horticulturist, for his contribution to beautification.

9. Hear update of activities at the Sports Complex

Mr. Villarreal highlighted the following tournaments:

- Palau Independent Softball (South Pacific Islander Tournament with 33 teams)
- Gold Crown Baseball (60 teams)
- Midnight Monster 4v4 Soccer Tournament (played through most of the night)

Mr. Villarreal noted the engineering consultant stated that by not allowing practice on the fields the longevity of the investment is extended.

Mr. Villarreal praised his staff for their hard work, dedication on tournament weekends, and excellent customer service. President Morton noted the lack of turnover within the department demonstrates outstanding leadership by Mr. Villarreal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary