

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 Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 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

Council Member Absent: Travis Smith, Council Member Place 5

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill 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 agenda items:

- Item 5c, event application for Community Easter Sunrise Service to be held April 9, 2023 at Railyard Park.
- Item 5d, event application for Project Shelter Walkathon to be held April 29, 2023 at Railyard Park. He noted due to the size of the event, staff does not recommend closing College Street.
- Item 5e, event application for Hachie Gras to be held February 18, 2023. Staff will provide barricades, City staffing, and portable toilets at designated areas.
- Item 6, Honorary Council Member Yusef Smith will be recognized.

Anthony Warren, Senior Director of Building and Community Services, reviewed Item 5f, requesting to extend the existing contract with AHI Facility Services, Inc. to exercise the 5-year option at a cost of \$112,487.14 for janitorial and cleaning maintenance services.

Jennifer Pruitt, Senior Director of Planning, reviewed the following:

- Item 7, the Planning Department will be recognized for receiving the Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Program for Planning Excellence Certificate of Achievement.
- Item 8, the Public Hearing on a request by the City of Waxahachie to adopt the Waxahachie Comprehensive Plan including, but not limited to, the Future Land Use Plan and Thoroughfare Plan will be continued to a future meeting.
- ZDC-117-2022, the applicant is requesting a specific use permit for a restaurant with a drive-through use (Chick-Fil-A) and a pole sign. The applicant provided two architectural elevations with the same building design and exterior finishing, except the color scheme for each set is different. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of

color option 1. The proposed project has satisfied all the requirements of the zoning ordinance and staff recommends approval per staff conditions.

- ZDC-158-2022, the applicant is requesting approval of a Planned Development (PD) with a base zoning of Central Area District (CA) to allow for a tattoo shop at the Rogers Hotel in Suite 305. Per the applicant, the studio will have three tattoo artists, the business will generally operate Monday through Sunday from 10am-6pm, and services will be performed by appointment only. There are currently two other tattoo shops in the downtown area and staff expressed concern about the number of tattoo shops in such close proximity to one another. Tattoo shops are allowed by right in the Commercial Zoning District and staff believes there are other sites available for the use that are more appropriate, and as such, staff is recommending denial of the proposed rezoning request. Four letters of opposition were received for this case. If the Council approves the request, staff recommends approval with staff conditions.

Ricky Boyd, Fire Chief, reviewed Item 14 requesting a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Suburban, including all of the necessary aftermarket equipment, to replace the Fire Department's command vehicle known as BC-1. He explained the motor of the present command vehicle is blown and rebuilding the motor is estimated to cost at least \$22,500 plus at least \$32,000 to install. Staff does not recommend spending such amounts to continue using a nine-year old vehicle for emergency service.

Amy Borders, Director of Communications and Marketing, reviewed Item 15 requesting street closures for "Bass Reeves" film production. She explained the proposed filming dates are Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14, with preparation taking place the weekend prior and possibly the end of the previous week. The primary impact would be the use of parking spaces around the perimeter of the Courthouse and street closures in the 100 block of S. Rogers and the 100 block of E. Main. Ms. Borders explained in addition to the parking and street closure requests, additional City services would be essential to production including police officers for intermittent traffic control (off-duty officers paid by the production), barricades and assistance from Streets, Parks, and Downtown departments. Ms. Borders acknowledged the letter of support from the Ellis County Judge Todd Little and reported this will positively impact Waxahachie.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary