

City Council
March 4, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie was held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Meeting Rooms A and B, Waxahachie, Texas, on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 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
Terry Welch, City Attorney
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Adrian Cooper, Legacy Life Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

Darlene Miller, 240 Parks School House Road, Waxahachie, Texas, thanked City Council for volunteering at a joint event by the SPCA of Texas and the Ellis County Sheriff's Office on March 2nd to provide a free vaccine clinic and pet pantry. She explained fundraising efforts to provide animal transport have begun and thanked Council Member Billie Wallace for her support.

Leslie Porterfield, 2421 Patrick Road, Waxahachie, Texas, offered to provide microchipping services and volunteered to assist where needed.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the City Council meeting of February 19, 2024
- b. Event application for the Grand Mega Meet to be held March 15, 2024 at the Waxahachie Civic Center
- c. Event application for Big Top Shopping Festival to be held April 20-21, 2024 in Downtown Waxahachie
- d. Resolution for Funding Year Two Application for Victims of Crime Act (V.O.C.A.) Grant Awarded to provide for a Mental Health Program for First Responders and their families

RESOLUTION NO. 1360

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE TO OPERATE THE “FIRST RESPONDERS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM” FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

Action:

Chris Wright moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, amending Item b. to require six (6) police officers for the event, and authorize the City Manager and/or Mayor to execute all associated documents as necessary. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

6. Introduce Honorary Councilmember

Mayor Hill announced there is not an Honorary Council Member in attendance.

7. Recognize Anthony Warren, Senior Director Building and Community Services, for completing the International Code Council Master Code Professional Certification Program

Shon Brooks, Executive Director of Development Services, recognized Anthony Warren, Senior Director Building and Community Services, for completing the International Code Council Master Code Professional Certification Program. He noted only 1% of code professionals have completed the certification program. City Council and staff congratulated Mr. Warren on this outstanding achievement.

8. Present a request by Douglas Cooper, MMA Inc., for a Plat of Ridge Crossing Phase II, being 68.823 acres, located approximately 1,900 feet West of 528 Ovilla Road, situated in the William C. Tunnell Survey, Abstract 1080, an addition to the City of Waxahachie (Property ID: 191627) – Owner: JDS Ovilla Road LLC (SUB-20-2024)

The Item was presented by Senior Director of Planning Jennifer Pruitt.

9. Consider approval of SUB-20-2024

Action:

Billie Wallace moved to approve SUB-20-2024, a Plat of Ridge Crossing Phase II and the associated Petition for Relief Waiver, subject to the conditions of the staff report and authorize the Planning and Zoning Commissioner to sign the associated documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

10. Public Hearing on a request by Stephen Mott, WISD, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Electronic Message Sign use within a General Retail (GR) zoning district located at 2999 W US Highway 287 Business, (Property ID: 180484) – Owner: Waxahachie ISD (ZDC-11-2024)

The Item was presented by Ms. Pruitt.

Mayor Hill opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:19 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-11-2024, Mayor Hill closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:19 p.m.

11. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-11-2024

ORDINANCE NO. 3459

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN USE WITHIN A GENERAL RETAIL (GR) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED 2999 W US HIGHWAY 287 BUSINESS, BEING PROPERTY ID 180484, IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING 1, BLOCK A WILEMON STEAM ACADEMY ADDITION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Billie Wallace moved to approve the Ordinance for ZDC-11-2024, a Specific Use Permit request for an electronic message sign, subject to the conditions of the staff report. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

12. Public Hearing on a request by Stephen Mott, WISD, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Electronic Message Sign use within a Planned Development (PD) zoning district located at 250 Saratoga Drive, (Property ID: 189842) – Owner: Waxahachie ISD (ZDC-12-2024)

The Item was presented by Ms. Pruitt.

Mayor Hill opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:21 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-12-2024, Mayor Hill closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:21 p.m.

13. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-12-2024

ORDINANCE NO. 3460

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN USE WITHIN A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-1-COMMERCIAL (PD) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED 250 SARATOGA DRIVE, BEING PROPERTY ID 189842, IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING LOT 1, BLOCK A IN THE WISD – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 10 ADDITION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Billie Wallace moved to approve the Ordinance for ZDC-12-2024, a Specific Use Permit request for an electronic message sign, subject to the conditions of the staff report. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

14. Conduct a Public Hearing, and consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the creation of a public improvement district to be known as the Haven Ranch Public Improvement District, ordering public improvements to be made for the benefit of such district, and approving a reimbursement agreement with the developer

The Item was presented by City Manager Michael Scott. He explained the creation of the Haven Ranch Public Improvement District was a condition of the Development Agreement previously approved by City Council for the site.

Mayor Hill opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:23 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against the creation of the Haven Ranch Public Improvement District, Mayor Hill closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:23 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 1361

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH DISTRICT; APPROVING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

Action:

Billie Wallace moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the creation of a public improvement district to be known as the Haven Ranch Public Improvement District, ordering public improvements to be made for the benefit of such district, approving a reimbursement agreement with the developer and authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

15. Consider proposed mural installations for 401 S. Elm Street and 109 N. Rogers

The Item was presented by David McSpadden, Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC). Mr. McSpadden explained the two mural designs were reviewed and approved by WCDC.

Action:

Billie Wallace moved to approve the two mural installs at 401 S. Elm and 109 N. Rogers as part of phase one of the WCDC Downtown Mural Program as represented and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

16. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager

Council Members and City Staff praised Anthony Warren for completing the International Code Council Master Code Professional Certification Program and thanked him for being an asset to our community.

Council Member Travis Smith thanked Brad Elliott and the Ellis County Sheriff's Office Animal Control team for organizing the joint event with the SPCA of Texas. He praised the full participation of City Council at the event.

Council Member Billie Wallace echoed Council Member Smith's comments. She thanked staff for their quick response to issues at Jetty Park over the weekend.

City Manager Michael Scott announced the mid-year retreat will be held April 11th at the Civic Center. Mr. Scott explained staff is diligently preparing for the totality eclipse on April 8th noting many city facilities will be closed due to increased influx of visitors to Waxahachie.

Council Member Chris Wright thanked Communications and Marketing Director Alice Jauregui for the excellent work on providing information to the public through social media.

Council Member Patrick Souter acknowledged the need for a long-term solution for the animal issues in Waxahachie. He thanked David McSpadden, WCDC, Leighton Autrey, and the mural committee for their work on the mural program.

Mayor David Hill echoed all of City Council's comments and announced Waxahachie Chamber President Kevin Strength is recovering well.

17. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal, City Secretary