

City Council
September 3, 2019

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, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: David Hill, Mayor
Mary Lou Shipley, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilmember
Melissa Olson, Councilmember

Councilmember Absent: Kevin Strength, Councilmember

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Tommy Ludwig, Assistant City Manager
Terry Welch, City Attorney
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Conduct a briefing to discuss agenda items for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting

City Manager Michael Scott welcomed Mr. Terry Welch for sitting in for City Attorney Robert Brown. He stated Public Comments are back at the top of the agenda to satisfy a Legislative Bill recently passed. He reviewed items on the agenda noting the Mayor will open the second Public Hearing on the Tax Rate. Councilmember Melissa Olson stated she wants it to go down to \$.650000/100. Mr. Scott noted item 8 is the Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Planning Director Shon Brooks reviewed the following cases:

- ZC-19-0089, applicant requested to continue to the City Council meeting of September 16, 2019.
- PP-19-0090, applicant requested to continue to the City Council meeting of September 16, 2019.
- SU-19-0098, applicant requested to continue to the City Council meeting of October 7, 2019.
- RP-19-0100, applicant proposed to create two lots from one lot. Staff recommended approval.
- RP-19-0101, applicant proposed to create one lot from two lots. Staff recommended approval.
- PP-19-0103, applicant proposes Preliminary Plat making one lot. Staff recommended approval.
- SU-19-0095, applicant proposes a roof top solar panel system. Staff recommended approval.
- SU-19-0096, applicant proposes a roof top solar panel system. Staff recommended approval.

- SU-19-0097, applicant proposes a multi-tenant building being part bank and other office areas. Applicant requested relief on landscape due to utility easement within required landscape buffer and waiver of tree requirements due to future road widening and required 6 foot wide sidewalk. Applicant request stacking of 4 vehicles at drive thru versus the required stacking of 5 vehicles. Staff recommended approval.
- SU-19-0099, applicant intends to construct a 165 foot monopole tower to provide additional capacity and adequate cell coverage for the surrounding area. Staff expressed concern with the fall zone/setbacks and height. Staff recommended to deny.

Director of Economic Development Doug Barnes referenced a proposed Ordinance approving the negotiated settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation Mid-Tex Division noting a rate increase was negotiated and filed and will become effective October 1, 2019. Mr. Barnes recommended to approve.

Mr. Scott reviewed a proposed Resolution designating a newspaper of record. He stated the City received notice that the Waxahachie Daily Light reduced to publishing twice a week and mailing newspapers versus throwing them.

Director of Utilities David Bailey reviewed the BNSF Water Line Project associated with the City's Capital Improvement Plan. He explained the contract is for engineering services to design, bid specification preparation, construction support services and right-of-way services to construct an 18" water line from the existing 24" water line onto Butcher Road to the south property line of Owens Corning. The project will parallel the BNSF Railroad.

Assistant City Manager Tommy Ludwig referenced the section of Broadhead Road that goes down to two lanes noting staff removed pavement with the intention to contract asphalt with J&K Excavation. He stated because the project was below the value of \$50,000, it can be awarded administratively. However, State law prohibits awarding multiple informal bids to a single contractor, without City Council approval, if the total of the bids would exceed \$50,000 in a single year. Mr. Ludwig stated management determined that awarding this informal bid would exceed the \$50,000 threshold and therefore had to go out for bids. He explained ultimately staff determined for the best and financial use the city is to go with J&K Excavation and they can begin on September 16th. Mr. Ludwig stated staff received a quote from another contractor but never heard back from them. He stated the City has a water truck that is watering daily and explained it was not poor planning, staff just ran up against State law.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary