

City Council
July 24, 2019

A work session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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

Council Member Absent: Kevin Strength, Councilmember

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion of City of Waxahachie 2019-2020 fiscal-year Budget

City Manager Michael Scott stated the proposed budget reflects the Council's desires and noted the Directors are available for questions. He stated the current financial model contemplates an additional \$153,000 for the City Council to make adjustments. Mr. Scott announced the second budget work session is slated for August 6, 2019.

Finance Director Charles Harris reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 fiscal-year budget noting currently there will be 5.25% more revenue that is premised on the preliminary data from the Ellis County Appraisal District and Staff will have an updated sales tax and administrative adjustments when service enhancements are incorporated per the Council's desire.

Mr. Harris reviewed the summary of revenue and expenditures noting the recommended budget is approximately \$43,485,000. He recommended the rainy day fund be 125 days totaling approximately \$13,025,000. The property tax rate will remain unchanged at \$0.68 per \$100 valuation.

Mr. Harris stated Waste Connections requested an increase and explained the city can't eat the cost; therefore, will pass the increase to the citizens. He suggested to offset the cost to residents 65 and older.

Mr. Scott reviewed the Service Enhancements and Capital Replacement request summary. After discussion and requested amendments by Council, Mr. Scott noted staff will revise the changes and bring back to Council for consideration.

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

Mayor and City Council thanked Mr. Scott, Mr. Harris and all of City Staff for the work they put into their budgets.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary