

City Council  
September 16, 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 Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager  
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager  
Tommy Ludwig, Assistant City Manager  
Robert Brown, 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 Staff reviewed the following Consent Agenda items:

d. Interlocal Agreement with Cedar Hill for the First Responder Resiliency Program (FRRP) – Fire Chief Ricky Boyd stated this agreement positively addresses the mental health issues that can affect firefighters and police officers.

e. Interlocal Agreement with Red Oak and Midlothian to share equipment and cost for proposed radio system – Police Chief Wade Goolsby stated the new radio system would allow the City to be truly interoperable with surrounding cities. He stated this is critical for all public safety entities and the radio system would be utilized by police, fire, and emergency medical services.

f. Approve funding of custom art commission by Desmond Mason for Hachie Heart in Freedman Memorial Park – City Manager Michael Scott stated the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board approved funding for Mr. Mason to paint a Hachie Heart for Freedman’s Memorial Plaza. In addition, Mr. Mason sponsored a heart that will be located in Lee Penn Park.

h. Acceptance of 2018 SAFER Grant – Fire Chief Boyd stated the city was awarded the grant adding three (3) more firefighters.

8. Proposed Ordinance providing for the issuance of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$31,525,000 – Mr. Charles Harris, Director of Finance, stated this is approximately 100 basis points lower than what was modeled. He stated the actual issue is \$3,000,000 less than what was approved with less interest.

Director of Planning and Zoning Shon Brooks presented the following zoning cases:

- ZC-19-0089, not a lot of issues with the zoning itself and staff recommends approval. Outstanding concerns with drainage and detention pond. Staff requested engineer drawings and to date have not received a full engineer report. Surrounding neighbors asked for a traffic analysis and the neighbors at Garden Valley having concerns with the existing brick wall located on the property line separating the applicant's property from Garden Valley. The city will need an agreement between the HOA and the applicant.
- SU-19-0099, applicant proposes a 165-foot monopole and will be available to make a presentation. City Attorney Robert Brown stated an Ordinance is required to approve and a Resolution is required to deny.

Mr. Scott stated the Municipal plan administrator would be in attendance to provide their annual update for the Waxahachie Public Improvement District No. 1 and North Grove Public Improvement District.

Mr. Harris stated a proposed Ordinance approving the 2018-2019 year end estimates and the budget for 2019-2020 is on the agenda for consideration. He stated the proposed budget for the upcoming year is approximately \$42,200,000.

Mr. Scott reviewed several Ordinances approving various funds for the 2019-2020 budget. He stated the water and wastewater budget associates with a 4% increase. The Robert W. Sokoll Water Treatment Plant is expected to break even. Mr. Scott stated the solid waste and recycling provision increased 2%. He stated the tax rate adoption will also be considered. Mr. Scott stated the civil service Ordinance increases the Waxahachie Police Department positions. He explained the Waxahachie Fire Department will bring an Ordinance increasing the departments positions at a future meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director John Smith stated bids were received to install six (6) electrical service pedestals in various places in Getzendaner Park. He noted alternate bids were received for electrical service pedestals in Lions Park and electric and lights at the Oaklawn Pavilion. The total bid from Estes Electric is \$98,802.00. Mr. Smith stated the project is funded in the Parks Department FY 2019 budget.

Assistant City Manager Tommy Ludwig reported with the following sidewalk and scarification projects the city came under approximately \$1,000,000. He stated in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) the projects will provide new pavement among 26 streets throughout the city. He thanked City Council for their commitment to the CIP program.

Mr. Ludwig referenced the corridor rehabilitation for East University Phase 1 noting the low bid of \$2,426,875 was received noting it was \$567,125.00 below staff's estimated cost for the project.

Mr. Ludwig stated the 2019 Street Rehabilitation Program is strictly overlay and the low bid came in at approximately \$1,400,000. He stated it is a cost savings of approximately \$400,000.

Mr. Ludwig referenced the sidewalk program, a Capital Improvement Project, noting the low bid was approximately \$230,000.00 and a savings of approximately \$16,500.00. He stated the Sidewalk Program is a planned expense, and part of the City's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Utilities Director David Bailey reported as part of the Sidewalk Program, the water line will be funded through the Public Works Department. He stated the water line is to ensure that this portion of the sidewalk will not be damaged during the construction phase of the water line project. The total amount is approximately \$481,000.00 and was \$127,000.00 below the engineer's estimate of probable cost.

Mr. Scott reviewed Boards and Commissions appointments noting they were reviewed between the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem with himself and the City Secretary present. Councilmember Kevin Strength recommended moving Judy Demoney from the Parks Board to the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation Board and moving Jenny Bridges to the Park Board.

Mr. Scott stated item 45 being the establishment of a policy limiting utilization of City Attorney services without City Manager authorization, has been pulled off and will be considered at a future date.

### **3. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright  
City Secretary