

An emergency meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held via teleconference, Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary
Tommy Ludwig, Assist. City Manager (telephone)

Others Absent: Robert Brown, City Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Identification of a quorum (roll call)

Mayor David Hill did a roll call for members in attendance via teleconference. Members present via teleconference included Councilmember Kevin Strength and Councilmember Chuck Beatty and Councilmember Melissa Olson.

3. Consideration of approval of a COVID-19 related Residential Relief Program

City Manager Michael Scott reviewed the following concepts of the Residential Relief Program:

- Most of our Waxahachie citizens are conscientious water bill payers each month. For those that are, the City will refund their water deposit funds and not require such a deposit to remain on file with the City. For most, this will equate to \$90 in the form of a check sent back to them. Those that have struggled with timely making their water bill payments would not be entitled to this benefit.
- A residential trash service monthly charge is \$15.32 (including tax). Staff recommended a three-month relief plan that would reduce each residential trash fee to \$.01. This equates to a \$45.89 benefit to our 10,887 residential water customers.
- In addition to these two programs, the City has already enacted residential relief efforts related to waiving late payment fees and suspending water disconnection for non-payment. These programs would continue as well.

Action:

Councilmember Kevin Strength moved approval of a COVID-19 related Residential Relief Program as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mary Lou Shipley seconded, All Ayes.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12: 09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary