

City Council
July 7, 2020

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 Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.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
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion of City of Waxahachie 2020-2021 fiscal-year Budget

City Manager Michael Scott reviewed the proposed budget calendar noting this first budget meeting is ahead of schedule. The goal for the Work Session is to review the Capital Projects, department requests, and receive direction from City Council on how to proceed with the budget.

Finance Director Chad Tustison reviewed the preliminary general fund numbers noting the certified tax roll and sales tax numbers are still pending. He explained the total working rate is calculated at the recommended 0.66 cents, which is made up of general fund (maintenance and operations), debt service, and library. Preliminary estimates show a 16% growth in taxable value but noted 36% of values are under protest. In regards to sales tax, FY 20 estimate is 5.4% under budget and FY 21 is projected at 3.6% over FY 20 estimate. The following items were reviewed:

- Core expenditures (current year budget, personnel adjustments, core budget, contractual/occupancy costs, and remove non-recurring expenses)
- General Fund core budget
- Capital and Operating Requests

Mr. Scott explained that if revenue is higher than 8% threshold then the tax rate will decrease more than the recommended 2 cents.

City Staff reviewed the following:

- General Fund Capital and Operating Plans FY 20-21
- Recommended General Fund Capital Requests
- General Fund Requests, Operating
- WCDC Fund Capital and Operating Plans FY 20-21
- Cemetery Fund Capital and Operating Plans FY 20-21
- Refuse Fund Capital and Operating Plans FY 20-21
- Water Fund Capital and Operating Plans FY 20-21
- Waste Water Fund Capital and Operating Plans FY 20-21
- Sokoll Fund Capital and Operating Plans FY 20-21

Mr. Scott noted he has been working with Sims Library on their proposed budget.

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

Mayor Hill thanked Mr. Scott and city staff for all their work noting he is grateful for all the hardworking city employees.

Mr. Scott thanked City Council and staff for their attendance and announced the next Budget Work Session will be held August 4th. He thanked Chelsey Gordon, Assistant to the City Manager, for her work on the budget process. He announced that Senior Center Director Jeanee Smiles will retire at the end of August and John Smith will occupy that role. Gumaro Martinez will start on September 1st as the Director of Parks and Recreation.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary