

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation
July 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC) was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Daniel Morton, President
Doug Barnes, Mayor
Michael Scott, City Manager
David McSpadden
Elizabeth Tull

Members Absent: Bob Lynn, Vice President
Judy Demoney

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amber Villarreal, City Secretary
Chad Tustison, Director of Finance
Kevin Strength, President/CEO Chamber of Commerce

Others Present: Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau
April Ortiz, Civic Center Director
James Villarreal, Assistant Director Sports Complex
Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Jami Bonner, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

President Dan Morton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Approval of minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of May 11, 2021

Action:

City Manager Michael Scott moved to approve minutes of the WCDC meeting of May 11, 2021. Mayor Doug Barnes seconded, All Ayes.

4. Discuss Waxahachie Community Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and take any necessary action

Finance Director Chad Tustison presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 with a beginning balance of \$2,554,391. Total revenues are \$6,703,316 and total expenses are \$5,895,722. The gross ending balance is \$2,158,330. Mr. Tustison reported the minimum reserves (95 days operating) equals \$1,203,656.

Action:

President Dan Morton moved to approve the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation 2021-2022 fiscal year, as presented. Mayor Doug Barnes seconded, All Ayes.

5. Consider request by First Baptist Church for shared parking agreement at Sports Complex

Mr. Joe Grubbs, representative for First Baptist Church of Waxahachie (herein, FBC), detailed the opportunity for a shared parking agreement between FBC and the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (herein, WCDC). Mr. Grubbs stated FBC has agreed to city staff comments including adding directional arrows to pavement, installing a bar gate, and to add an address for WCDC to the agreement.

City Manager Michael Scott noted this is an opportunity to benefit both the Sports Complex and FBC during large gathering events such as Easter service or coinciding tournaments.

Action:

Ms. Elizabeth Tull moved to approve the shared parking agreement with First Baptist Church at the Sports Complex. Mayor Doug Barnes seconded, All Ayes.

6. Hear update of activities from Convention & Visitors Bureau Director

Ms. Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention and Visitor's Bureau, announced that City staff is excited and diligently working to bring events back to Downtown Waxahachie. With the conclusion of the Grape Myrtle Parade and Fireworks, the CVB team has set their sights on the upcoming fall season with notable events that include the following:

- Hispanic Heritage Celebration on September 11th
- iHeart Hachie Music Fest on October 2nd
- NHRA Fall Nationals PreStage Fan Fest on October 7th
- 25th Annual Texas Country Reporter Festival on October 23rd

7. Hear update of activities at the Civic Center

City Manager Michael Scott noted Civic Center Director April Ortiz was dismissed to tend to an emergency at the Civic Center. Ms. Ortiz provided a written report included in the packet.

8. Hear update of Community Beautification

Director of Parks and Recreations Gumaro Martinez recognized Reza Yavarikhan and Horticulturist Chris Seale for their dedication to the maintenance of landscaping throughout the City.

Mr. Martinez presented updates for current beautification projects. Broadhead Road Median 3 received 66 planted dwarf abelia to complete the install. The median on Park Schoolhouse Road was treated with herbicide to reduce unwanted vegetation. Lantana is scheduled to rototill the ground with soil conditioner the week of July 19th. The landscaping project at City Hall has been completed. Orders have been placed for fall pumpkins and spring blooming bulbs.

President Daniel Morton requested an update on the dog park project. Mr. Martinez stated that City staff is currently working with consultants and will send out a request for proposals late July or early August. The project will be in progress over the following months with a projected completion date in early 2022.

9. Hear update of activities at the Sports Complex

James Villarreal, Waxahachie Sports Complex Superintendent, reported the summer months have been busy with seven (7) tournaments in June and seven (7) tournaments scheduled for July. Mr. Villarreal noted that the turf has been a great asset with the recent rain. Tournaments have continued as planned with minimal cancellations. The palm trees on the property have been replaced as they did not survive the February freeze.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jami Bonner
Assistant City Secretary