

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 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Doug Barnes, Mayor, Council Member Place 2  
Billie Wallace, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 4  
David Hill, Council Member Place 1  
Melissa Olson, Council Member Place 3  
Travis Smith, Council Member Place 5

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager  
Albert Lawrence, Deputy City Manager  
Shon Brooks, Executive Director of Development Services  
Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director Park & Leisure Services  
Richard Abernethy, Director of Administrative Services  
Robert Brown, City Attorney  
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Doug Barnes called the meeting to order.

**2. Conduct a briefing to discuss items for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting**

City Manager Michael Scott reviewed the following agenda items:

- Item 5c. event applications for Worship at Railyard on October 29, 2021.
- Items. 6-7. Constitution Week Proclamation and Week of Prayer Proclamation.
- Item 8. Waxahachie Arts Council annual financial report and recommended contract extension.

Council Member Melissa Olson inquired about extending the contract for three-years as opposed to one-year to assist with fund planning for the Arts Council.

- Item 21. candidate nominations for the Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors for the Years 2022-2023. Mr. Scott explained nominations are to be submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup> which allows time for additional Council consideration.

Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director Park & Leisure Services, reviewed Item 5d. noting staff received two bids for the Wags-A-Hachie Dog Park Project and recommended award of bid to J&K Excavation in the amount of \$429,095.96. He reported staff was able to reduce the scope of the original bid. He explained the scope of work consists of demolition of existing on ground appurtenances, mass grading, paving of new 53 space parking lot, fencing, and other park improvements.

James Gaertner, Director of Public Works and Engineering, reviewed Item 5e. authorizing professional service with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the second phase of the City-Wide Drainage Master Plan. He explained funding for this phase is included in the FY20-21 Public Works operation and maintenance budget.

Executive Director of Development Services Shon Brooks reviewed the following:

- Items 9-10. ZDC-122-2021, applicant requested to continue the Public Hearing to the October 4, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 11-12. ZDC-116-2021, applicant requested to continue the Public Hearing to the October 18, 2021 City Council meeting.
- Items 13-14. ZDC-129-2021, staff recommended approval as presented.
- Items 15-17. ZDC-131-2021, staff recommended approval per staff comments and approval of Development Agreement.

City Council and staff discussed concerns with noise and parking. Police Chief Wade Goolsby explained noise complaints are at the discretion of the police officer. He explained he is more concerned with parking than with noise. Mr. Brooks noted the applicant was encouraged to speak with neighbors and provided letters of support from some of those neighbors. Mayor Barnes confirmed additional stipulations can be addressed in the Development Agreement. Council Member Travis Smith asked if the item could be postponed for further discussion.

- Items 18-20. ZDC-100-2021, staff recommended approval per staff comments and Development Agreement.

### **3. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
City Secretary