

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, February 21, 2022 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
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 5d, approving event application for Worship in the Park to be held April 9, 2022 at Railyard Park.
- Item 5e, approving event application for C10s in the Park to be held on September 17, 2022 in Getzendaner Park.
- Item 5f, electing to participate in the proposed opioid settlements and authorizing the City Manager to sign Teva and Endo Release Forms.
- Item 5g, approving a budget adjustment for a 5% midyear cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all City employees effective April 1, 2022.

Council Member Travis Smith expressed his support for a higher COLA for non-exempt employees versus exempt employees. He noted it is not fiscally responsible to do a 5% increase across the board.

Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace and Council Member Melissa Olson expressed their support for the 5% increase for all employees, including first responders. Council Member Olson noted she'd like to return to merit based increases next fiscal year.

- Item 12, approving a Construction Manager at Risk for Fire Station 4.
- Item 13, approving a bid award for new Granular Activated Carbon media in the Robert W. Sokoll Water Treatment Plant.
- Item 14, approving a bid award for Lee Penn Pool parking lot.

Finance Director Chad Tustison reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 1st quarter financial report noting sales tax continues to outperform our expectations and has increased 20% compared to the budget for the same period of the prior year. He noted all funds are in line with budget for revenue and expenditures.

Planning Director Jennifer Pruitt reviewed the following agenda items:

- SUB-3-2022, the applicant is requesting to plat the subject property and dedicate 80 feet of right-of-way (ROW) as an extension of Vista Way with four (4) open space lots to serve as landscaped medians. The applicant is requesting a variance to dedicate 54' of ROW in lieu of the required 80' due to the existing ROW width of 60' in The Arbors Phase 2 subdivision. Staff recommends approval of the plat as presented and approval of the variance request.
- SUB-209-2021, the applicant is requesting to replat the subject property into two (2) lots for single-family residential use. The applicant is requesting a variance to dedicate 10' of ROW in lieu of the required 27.5' due to the location of an existing home on the property. Staff recommends approval of the plat as presented and approval of the variance request.
- ZDC-217-2021, the applicant is requesting a zoning change from Future Development to Planned Development-Single-Family-1 (PD-SF-1). Ms. Pruitt explained the proposed development is to be a low-density residential subdivision that blends with the existing residential development along Black Champ Road. If City sewer lines are extended to the subject property and are available at the time of development, the applicant is proposing a minimum lot size of 0.5 acre. If City sewer lines are not available at the time of development, the applicant is proposing a minimum lot size of 1.0 acre. Staff recommends approval with the staff comment requesting a detailed site plan to be reviewed by staff. Ms. Pruitt explained the applicant is agreeable to staff comments and agreed to contact internet and electrical providers to address adjacent property owner concerns. She explained the applicant has contacted Ellis County requesting a stop sign at the northern entrance intersection.

Council Members expressed concern with the development's impact on traffic safety.

3. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary