

City Council
July 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas, on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: David Hill, Mayor, Council Member Place 1
Chris Wright, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 3
Patrick Souter, Council Member Place 2
Billie Wallace, Council Member Place 4
Travis Smith, Council Member Place 5

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Malcolm Finkley, Pulse Community Church, gave the invocation. Council Member Patrick Souter led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

Layne Ballard, 818 Amherst Drive, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke in opposition to naming a City facility after a member of the community and suggested allowing the citizens to vote on a name.

Betty Square Coleman, 116 Bradshaw, Waxahachie, Texas, on behalf of the NAACP Waxahachie Branch, spoke in support of naming the City Hall Annex as "Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building."

Andrew Henderson, 324 Bessie Coleman, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke in support of naming the City Hall Annex as "Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building."

Paul Christenson, 110 Williams Street, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke in opposition of the City issuing Certificates of Obligation Bonds and requested the City issue General Obligation Bonds that must be voted approved.

Kevin Strength, 334 Hunter Pass, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke in support of naming the City Hall Annex as "Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building."

Broderick Sargent, Sr., 224 Frierson, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke in support of naming the City Hall Annex as "Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building."

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the City Council meeting of July 5, 2022
- b. Minutes of the City Council briefing of July 5, 2022
- c. Event application for Back to School Bash to be held August 6, 2022
- d. Event application for C-10s in the Park Party on the Square to be held September 17, 2022
- e. Event application for Domestic Abuse Awareness Walk to be held October 1, 2022
- f. Event application for Chautauqua Celebrates Cowboy Poetry to be held October 8, 2022
- g. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Denton
- h. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mansfield
- i. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Fort Worth
- j. Supplemental appropriation for Robert W. Sokoll Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$65,000 to purchase treatment chemicals
- k. Waxahachie Community Development Corporation Finance Report for year ended September 30, 2021

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright moved to approve items a. through k. on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Patrick Souter seconded, All Ayes.

6. Consider appointment of Municipal Judge and Associate Municipal Judge and Administer Oaths of Office

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem Billie Wallace moved to appoint Calla Ross as Municipal Judge and Bill Scott as Associate Municipal Judge and authorize the Mayor to execute their contracts. Council Member Travis Smith seconded, All Ayes.

City Secretary Amber Villarreal administered the Oaths of Office to Calla Ross and Bill Scott.

7. Public Hearing and consider proposed Resolution naming the City Hall Annex Building

Mayor Hill opened the Public Hearing.

Council Member Travis Smith acknowledged Charles “Chuck” Beatty’s accomplishments and accolades stating Chuck spent his time making Waxahachie a better place and has inspired young adults to come back home to give back to their community. He explained City Council adopted naming standards and there are currently parks and plazas named after individuals.

Those who spoke in favor:

Alan Fox, 327 University, Waxahachie, Texas
Scott Brooks, 134 Holly Street, Waxahachie, Texas
Curtis Polk, Jr., 213 Wyatt, Waxahachie, Texas
Kelly Blackburn, 405 W. Marvin, Waxahachie, Texas

Council Member Billie Wallace expressed her opposition with the approved naming policy due to requesting additional citizen involvement in the naming process. She expressed her support of Mr. Beatty and acknowledged his upstanding character.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright recognized the many people in attendance at the meeting in support of naming the City Hall Annex as “Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building.” Mayor Pro Tem Wright explained his opposition for a citizen committee selected by City Council and noted an open Public Hearing provides citizens an opportunity to provide feedback to Council for consideration.

Council Member Patrick Souter acknowledged citizens were offered opportunities to express their support or opposition on this topic. He explained he inquired at the last meeting if the naming policy restricted Council from appointing a committee and the City Attorney said it did not and Council could do so, as needed. Council Member Souter noted all Council Members should try to uphold the high standards Mr. Beatty set while serving on City Council.

There being no others to speak for or against the proposed Resolution naming the City Hall Annex Building, Mayor Hill closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 1329

A RESOLUTION TO NAME THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE ANNEX BUILDING “CHARLES BEATTY MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING”; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright moved to approve Resolution No. 1329. Council Member Travis Smith seconded, All Ayes.

8. Consider supplemental appropriation for City Hall Annex final GMP and associated change orders

Richard Abernethy, Director of Administrative Services, requested approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,923,074 for City Hall Annex Guaranteed Maximum Price contract and associated change orders for retaining walls, electrical items, ductwork and associated architectural fees.

Action:

Council Member Billie Wallace moved to approve a supplemental appropriation for City Hall Annex final guaranteed maximum pricing and associated change orders in the amount of \$2,923,074. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright seconded, All Ayes.

9. Consider supplemental appropriation for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for City Hall Annex

Action:

Council Member Billie Wallace moved to approve a supplemental appropriation for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building in the amount of \$1,353,146 and approve contract with SKG to supply the furniture. Council Member Patrick Souter seconded, All Ayes.

10. Consider proposed Resolution approving a tax-exempt financing for the benefit of Southwestern Assemblies of God University

City Manager Michael Scott requested approval of the proposed resolution approving tax-exempt financing for the benefit of Southwestern Assemblies of God University in order for them to finance improvements to SAGU's track and field, soccer and football fields at 1200 Sycamore in Waxahachie. Mr. Scott explained approval of this resolution will have no financial obligation on the City of Waxahachie.

RESOLUTION NO. 1330

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS
APPROVING A TAX EXEMPT FINANCING FOR THE BENEFIT OF
SOUTHWESTERN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD UNIVERSITY**

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright moved to approve Resolution No. 1330. Council Member Patrick Souter seconded, All Ayes.

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

Council Member Patrick Souter encouraged citizens to participate in Waxahachie 101 to learn more about city government.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright thanked those in attendance who participated in the public hearing regarding naming of the City Hall Annex and applauded naming the building after former City Council Member Charles Beatty. Mr. Wright also thanked Waxahachie High alumni CJ Nowland for giving back to his community by hosting a free basketball camp to kids.

Council Member Billie Wallace thanked all the City workers for working hard in the summer heat.

Council Member Travis Smith congratulated Waxahachie High alumni Peyton Graham on being the 51st overall MLB draft pick this year.

Shon Brooks, Executive Director of Development Services, announced the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 20th at 6pm.

Mayor David Hill thanked Charles Beatty's son for his attendance at the meeting and noted he is proud of Mr. Beatty.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary