

Keep Waxahachie Beautiful
January 10, 2019

A regular meeting of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation Building, 401 South Elm, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Ginger Cole, Chairman
 Christy Waters, Co-Chairman
 Polly Williams
 Jesse Gibson
 Jim Kauffman
 Scott Poarch
 Faustina Duvall

Ex-Officio Absent: Sandy King, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce

Others Present: Gumaro Martinez, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
 Melissa Olson, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ginger Cole called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

Mayor Kevin Strength expressed his thanks to the efforts of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful.

Ms. Melissa Olson, Council Representative, mentioned the Rocks-a-Hachie Group is looking to donate rocks for public art. She stated they are trying to collect five hundred rocks to give out at the Master Gardeners Expo.

Mr. Jim Kauffman voiced his concerns about junk on residential properties within the city. He discussed procedures to communicate with Code Enforcement and remedies in violations of outdoor storage ordinances. In addition, he discussed how penalties and fines might not be adequate to enforce compliance.

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley commented that maybe violators need to be fined continuously.

Ms. Olson added comments regarding the legal process and procedure to assess fines to non-compliant residents.

Mr. Kauffman suggested sectioning the town between board members to note ordinance violations. He read the City of Waxahachie's outdoor storage ordinance to the members.

Mr. Jesse Gibson noted he is currently already doing what Mr. Kauffman suggested in identifying noncompliance and ordinance violations.

Ms. Polly Williams discussed mission trip with Presbyterian Church and volunteers.

Mr. Daniel Smith, art teacher at Waxahachie High School, proposed to do the mural at Glenn's Warehouse and asked for sponsorship.

3. Approval of minutes of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting of November 8, 2018

Action:

Mr. Jim Kauffman moved to approve the minutes of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting of November 8, 2018. Ms. Faustina Duvall seconded, All Ayes.

4. Discuss Project PIN and take any necessary action

The Committee discussed recipient Ms. Willie M. Curry at 1517 Drexal Drive and will consider the next PIN Award in April.

5. Discuss Tulip Festival support opportunities and take any necessary action

The Committee was informed of a sponsorship opportunity for \$2,000.00 to Poston Gardens. The sponsorship would allow Keep Waxahachie Beautiful to setup a booth at the March 30, 2019 Tulipalooza Festival at Getzendaner Park.

Action:

Ms. Polly Williams moved to decline the sponsorship for the Tulip Festival. Co-Chairman Christy Waters seconded, All Ayes.

6. Discuss future clean-up events and activities and take any necessary action

A preliminary date of April 20, 2019 was discussed for the Hazardous Waste Collection noting it may not be practical and that it needs to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to hear alternate dates.

Chairman Cole discussed the possibility of doing an educational program on composting at the Sims Library or Senior Center.

Ms. Olson noted that the waste contract expires March 31, 2021.

7. Set date for next Committee meeting

The Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee set their next meeting for Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gumaro Martinez, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director