

City Council
April 15, 2019

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, April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Kevin Strength, Mayor
David Hill, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilmember
Mary Lou Shipley, Councilmember
Melissa Olson, Councilmember

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Tommy Ludwig, Assistant City Manager
Robert Brown, City Attorney
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Strength 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 items:

- Item 4a, correcting the motion to reflect Councilmember Melissa Olson made the motion for item 32.
- Item 4e, the TIRZ board authorized up to \$15,000 for landscaping at MKT Depot. TIRZ recommended staff obtain additional bids before proceeding. After doing so, Lantana was still the lowest bid.
- Item 4f, TIRZ authorized up to \$100,000 for rehab of old Police Department building at 216 N. College. The building will need interior demo as well as HVAC replacement, and roof evaluation to prepare for any new tenant. Mayor Strength noted a dumpster enclosure is needed as well as a restroom facility at George Brown Plaza. Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley asked if the City Attorney will review the lease agreement and Mr. Scott noted it would be.
- Item 4h, was recommended for approval by the Park Board for the seasonal vendor at Lake Waxahachie.

Senior Planner Colby Collins reviewed the following cases:

- PP-19-0020, staff recommended approval per staff comments.
- FP-19-0021, staff recommended approval per staff comments.
- FP-19-0030, staff recommended approval as presented.
- FP-19-0038, staff recommended approval as presented.
- PP-19-0037, staff recommended approval as presented.
- FP-19-0041, staff recommended approval per staff comments.
- FP-19-0034, staff recommended approval per staff comments.

- RP-19-0034, staff recommended approval per staff comments. Councilmember Olson asked about the alley abandonment process and Assistant City Manager Tommy Ludwig noted the alley abandonment will be reflected on the plat and not by separate instrument.
- RP-19-0032, staff recommended approval per staff comments. Mr. Collins explained the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended no right-of-way requirement for the proposed replat, but recommended the applicant provide a 10 foot utility easement for the property.
- PP-19-0036, staff recommended approval per staff comments.
- PD-19-0029, staff recommended approval as presented. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the applicant work with the Heritage Preservation Commission for renovations.
- PD-19-0039, applicant requested no height restriction on the proposed property. In looking with the surrounding area, staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a six story height restriction. Council discussed limiting the height restriction and City Attorney Robert Brown noted the motion could include requiring a Specific Use Permit for any request more than six stories.
- SU-19-0026, staff recommended approval per staff comments. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended using an eight foot chain link fence on the rear of the property as opposed to a six foot chain link fence with barbed wire.
- PD-19-0031, applicant requested to continue the public hearing to allow time to address concerns from staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Scott explained City Council will need to fill the vacancy of Ellis Appraisal District Board of Directors Member Tommy Hamilton. He explained City Council will need to have a nominee by the May 6, 2019 meeting. He provided the council with a list of qualifications.

Assistant Police Chief Dale Sigler explained the Interlocal Agreement with Ellis County for prisoner care has not increased in quite some time. He requested council approve the agreement with Ellis County to increase prisoner care fee from \$35 per day to \$60 per day. He noted the city does not own and operate its own jail and this is a great service for our city.

Mr. Ludwig noted the bid award for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation is the first project the city's engineering department was able to engineer in house. He thanked City Engineer James Gaertner and Graduate Engineer Macey Martinez. Utilities Director David Bailey explained city staff reviewed the bid from Circle H Contractors, LP and recommended awarding it to them in the amount of \$107,770.00

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary