

# **A G E N D A**

A *special meeting* of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on ***Thursday November 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.***

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

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance
4. ***Public Comments:*** Persons may address the City Council on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Council on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
5. Canvass and accept votes of City Council Election held on November 3, 2020
6. Administer Oaths of Office to Council Member Place 1 and Council Member Place 3
7. Consider proposed Ordinance ordering a Runoff Election for Council Member Place 2
8. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager
9. Adjourn

**The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive Session on any posted item.**

This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. Parking for mobility impaired persons is available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call the City Secretary at 469-309-4005 or (TDD) 1-800-RELAY TX

**CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ORDERING THAT A RUNOFF ELECTION BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING AN AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 2; PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH THE ELLIS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2020, an election was held for Council Member Place 2; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the election, no Place 2 candidate received a majority (over 50%) of all votes casts; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.01(c) of the City Charter provides, in pertinent part, that “[i]n the event a candidate fails to receive a majority of all votes for a City Council Place, a runoff election shall be conducted between the two (2) candidates who received the highest number of votes for that City Council Place;” and

**WHEREAS**, candidates Tiffany Duran and Doug Barnes were the two (2) candidates who received the highest number of votes for Council Member Place 2 and, accordingly, must compete in a runoff election to determine who shall be elected to Council Member Place 2.;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2.** A runoff election for Council Member Place 2 between Tiffany Duran and Doug Barnes shall be conducted on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, for At-Large Council Member for Place 2 on the Waxahachie City Council, and it is hereby so ordered.

**SECTION 3.** City of Waxahachie city officials are authorized and directed to contract with Ellis County Elections Administrator (hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Officer” for Election Services.)

**SECTION 4.** Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing duties and shall furnish services and equipment as outlined in Exhibit “A” and in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

**SECTION 5.** The runoff election shall be conducted with bilingual (English and Spanish) election materials and methods, in accordance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

**SECTION 6.** The Council finds that an emergency involving efficient daily operations of the City is involved, and that this ordinance will become effective immediately.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.**

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David Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Cartwright, City Secretary

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Robert F. Brown, City Attorney