

City Council  
August 4, 2014

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 on Monday, August 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Paul Stevens, City Manager  
Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager  
Steve Chapman, City Attorney  
Lori Saunders, City Secretary

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Mayor Kevin Strength called the meeting to order. Councilmember David Hill gave the invocation, led the pledge of allegiance and the Texas pledge of allegiance.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 21, 2014
- b. Minutes of the regular Planning & Zoning Commission meeting of July 23, 2014
- c. Minutes of the Firemen's Relief & Retirement Fund meeting of July 7, 2014
- d. Minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meetings of July 8, 2014 and July 22, 2014
- e. Minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Board meetings of May 21, 2014 and July 16, 2014
- f. Approve budget amendment requested by Utilities Department
- g. Set City Council meeting of Tuesday, September 2, 2014

**Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approved Items a. through g. on the Consent Agenda.**  
Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded. **All Ayes.**

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Mayor Strength announced there is not an Honorary Councilmember for the meeting.

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Mayor Strength read a Proclamation proclaiming "Fight Like Brooke Day in Waxahachie" on Sunday, August 10, 2014. Ms. Sharon Aday was present to receive the Proclamation.

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Ms. Rosalind Sexton, 703 Wyatt, and Ms. Brenda Sexton, 208 Dunlap, requested approval to hold a "Women in Purpose" march to be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014. The march is to encourage women and men to reclaim their dignity, retaining self-pride, self-respect and self-

esteem so the integrity of the community can be restored. The march will begin at Penn Park, on Getzendaner Avenue to Peters Street, Wyatt Street, S. Aiken Street crossing MLK Blvd. and back to Penn Park. TxDot approved the march with the assistance of the Waxahachie Police Department to control traffic.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton moved to approve the “Women of Purpose” march to be held Saturday, October 4, 2014 as presented.** Councilmember David Hill seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Mayor Strength opened the Public Hearing to accept public comments and discuss the proposed creation of a Public Improvement District.

Mr. Clyde Melick, Director of Planning stated the developer requested to continue to Public Hearing to the Council meeting of Tuesday, September 2, 2014 to allow time to receive an appraisal and complete other items needed prior to the public hearing.

There being no others to speak for or against the Public Hearing to accept public comments and discuss the proposed creation of a Public Improvement District, Mayor Strength closed the Public Hearing.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton moved to continue the Public Hearing to accept public comments and discuss the proposed creation of a Public Improvement District to the City Council meeting of Tuesday, September 2, 2014.** Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Mr. Bruce French, History Maker Homes, requested a one year extension of Preliminary Plat of Mustang Creek Phases 3 and 4, 116 Lots, 39.49 acres situated in the Robert Russell Survey, Abstract No. 911 – Owner: Waxahachie 147 Ltd. (PLM 2014-20). He explained Phase 3 is not built out and the one year extension will allow for the build out before moving to Phase 4.

**Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve a one year extension of Preliminary Plat of Mustang Creek Phases 3 and 4, 116 Lots, 39.49 acres situated in the Robert Russell Survey, Abstract No. 911 – Owner: Waxahachie 147 Ltd. (PLM 2014-20).** Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton seconded, **All Ayes.**

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City Manager Paul Stevens reported the City had an Ellis County Water Control and District Improvement No. 1 and it was put together in the 1950’s for the construction of Lake Waxahachie as well as the water treatment plant. He explained the Bonds were paid off several years ago and therefore the existence of the committee is not necessary. He stated the reason the City has an abundant of water supply, water rights and water plants today is due to the direction of that Board and commended their leadership which included members Mr. Mackey Morgan and Mr. Joe Rust.

Mr. Stevens presented Ordinance No. 2756 creating a Water and Wastewater Utility Advisory Committee noting the purpose is to provide assistance and advice to the City and the future direction of wholesale water and growth of our system.

Mayor Strength stated the proposed Ordinance depicts 7 voting members and 3 advisory members. He requested to increase the advisory members to 4 members.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2756**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS,  
CREATING A WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND PROVIDING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Strength introduced the following inaugural members and advisory members and presented each with a Certificate of Appreciate for participating on the committee:

Voting Members: Mackey Morgan, Joe Rust, Brian Ford, Eric Barnard, Kevin Kosoris, Mayor, and Mayor Pro Tem

Advisory Members: Bob McGinnis, Lance Rust, Wayne Eiland, and Walter Ray Johnson

**Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton moved to approved Ordinance No. 2756 as amended.**  
Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Ms. Anita Williamson, Director of Downtown Development, presented a mid-season report of the Farmer's Market noting it is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Farmer's Market totals from April 5, 2014 – July 12, 2014 equal \$63,282.25. She reported the renovations to the building that fronts the market are complete and relayed to Council and TIRZ Board the vendor's appreciation of their support of the Farmer's Market.

**No action taken.**

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**CITIZENS' PETITIONS AND REQUEST**

None

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**COMMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER**

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton thanked Mr. Stevens and Staff for a productive budget work session and providing Council with the preliminary budget to allow time for review.

City Secretary Lori Saunders referred to the budget calendar to set the second budget work session and public hearings for the tax rate. It was determined on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., Council will hold a budget work session and the first public hearing for the tax rate will be held on at 12:00 p.m.

Director of Communications and Marketing, Amy Hollywood, announced the new city's website is installed.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders  
City Secretary