

City Council  
November 3, 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, November 3, 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  
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

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Mayor Kevin Strength called the meeting to order. Assistant City Manager Michael Scott 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 October 20, 2014
- b. Minutes of the regular Planning & Zoning Commission meeting of October 22, 2014
- c. Minutes of the Waxahachie Rodeo Board meeting of October 23, 2014
- d. Minutes of the Firemen's Relief & Retirement Fund meeting of October 20, 2014
- e. Minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of October 14, 2014
- f. Minutes of the Cemetery Board meeting of October 2, 2014
- g. Minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of September 17, 2014
- h. Minutes of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 meetings of August 28, 2014 and October 30, 2014
- i. Approve parade route for the Christmas Parade hosted by Chamber of Commerce and Optimist Club

**Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve Items a. through i. on the Consent Agenda.**  
Councilmember David Hill seconded. **All Ayes.**

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Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton introduced Waxahachie High School Senior Matthew Parker Louque as Honorary Councilmember for the month of November and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the Honorary Councilmember program. Mr. Louque is an active member in the National Honor Society, the Technology Student Association, the Spirit of Waxahachie Indian Band, and serves as a Big Brother in the Big Brother/Big Sister Organization. He was recently named a 2014 National Merit Commended Scholar.

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Mayor Strength recognized retired Sims Library Director Susan Maxwell and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and an engraved clock thanking her for her 35 years of service at the library.

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Mayor Strength read a Proclamation proclaiming November 3–7, 2014 as “Municipal Court Week” and presented it to Municipal Court Personnel: Judge Joe Gallo, Associate Judge Edward Jendrzey, Marshal John Morris, Court Administrator Tammie Atchison, and Court Clerks Amparo Aleman and Karissa Laquay.

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Mayor Strength recognized outgoing Municipal Judge Joseph R. Gallo and presented him with an engraved plaque and gavel for his 5 years of service to the city. Mayor Strength recognized Mr. Gallo’s family in attendance; his wife Lisa, son Anthony, and daughter Sicilia. Mayor Strength noted during his tenure, Judge Gallo created a job description for the judge position amongst other positive enhancements to the municipal court and their procedures.

Mr. Gallo thanked the city council for the opportunity to serve the city and grant him one of the greatest honors in his life. He noted during his tenure, he took the court to a higher level by increasing efficiency, establishing reasonable bail amounts and created a City Marshal position. He thanked city staff, including City Manager Paul Stevens, Assistant City Manager Michael Scott, Tammie Atchison, Amparo Aleman, Karissa Laquay and John Morris. He recommended Associate Judge Edward Jendrzey be appointed to fill his position noting he has enjoyed the past 5 years working together.

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton thanked Mr. Gallo for his service.

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City Manager Paul Stevens noted he and Assistant City Manager also recommend Mr. Edward Jendrzey to fill the position of Municipal Court Judge. They feel he will continue on the path that Mr. Gallo created.

**Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved to appoint Mr. Edward Jendrzey as the Waxahachie Municipal Judge.** Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton seconded, **All Ayes.**

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**Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton moved to table the appointment of the Waxahachie Associate Municipal Judge.** Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Mr. Anthony Rieper, 326 Lakewood Drive, Waxahachie, TX, requested approval of the Final Plat of Original Town Addition Lot 4A & 4B, Block 14, being a Replat of Lots 3 & 4, Block 14, Original Town Addition - Owner: Anthony Rieper (RP2014-36).

Planning Coordinator Derica Peters noted the plat will bring the location in conformance with the subdivision ordinance to allow for separate uses on the different lots. She also noted the sanitary sewer service and water service has been installed.

**Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve the Final Plat of Original Town Addition Lot 4A & 4B, Block 14, being a Replat of Lots 3 & 4, Block 14, Original Town Addition - Owner: Anthony Rieper (RP2014-36).** Councilmember David Hill seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Parks and Recreation Director John Smith requested approval for holiday lighting for 24 downtown street lamps. The proposal presented includes 24 LED lighted snowflakes and the expense for electrifying the post. Mr. Smith noted the LED will save more than half on the electricity and last longer.

Mayor Pro Tem Singleton supported the idea for the lighting especially if they can get a good life span from the decorations.

**Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton moved to approve the expenses for LED Holiday Lighting and Decorations and the installation of power for lighting at street lamps downtown by Estes Electric.** Councilmember David Hill seconded, **All Ayes.**

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**CITIZENS' PETITIONS AND REQUEST**

None

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

Mayor Strength thanked the honorary councilmember for his attendance and thanked Mr. Gallo for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Assistant City Manager Michael Scott informed council that he will be handing out a map showing two streets near the new hospital that need to be named. Council will consider the street names at the next meeting.

Councilmember Shipley noted she appreciated the opportunity to visit the Fire Department and was very proud of their push back ceremony for their new fire truck.

Councilmember Beatty thanked the honorary councilmember for his attendance and expressed thanks to Mr. Gallo for his service to the city as Municipal Judge.

City Manager Paul Stevens thanked Mr. Gallo for his service and expressed thanks to the Municipal Court staff for their service to the citizens of Waxahachie. He also thanked the honorary councilmember for his participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Singleton thanked Mr. Gallo again for his service. He requested to schedule a workshop to discuss the quarterly staff reports. He noted the Water and Wastewater Utility Advisory Committee has had two very informative meetings and commended Utilities Director David Bailey and his staff for their work.

Councilmember David Hill noted about 120 high school students participated on Halloween collecting about 4,000 canned goods and donated them to Waxahachie Care. Councilmember Hill thanked Chief Boyd for his work and noted he enjoyed the push back ceremony.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
Assistant City Secretary