

City Council
July 29, 2015

A work session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Lane, on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at 8:30 a.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

Mayor Kevin Strength called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton gave the invocation.

City Council and Staff reviewed and discussed the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Mr. Charles Harris, Director of Finance, reviewed the budget noting the tax rate is proposed to remain at \$.68 per \$100 valuation. He stated one day of operations is approximately \$77,000 which implies that 7.3 million is needed to have a surplus of \$834,000. Mr. Harris reviewed the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund and Robert W. Sokoll Treatment Plant. Council discussed meeting with Rockett Water Board of Directors to resolve the issue of non-payment to the city. The Waxahachie Community Development Corporation has approximately a 1.5 million dollar surplus. Mr. Harris stated with the recent rains the Sports Complex activities were down however reserves were healthy due to the sales tax holding up. He reported the Corporation has a surplus of approximately \$2.5 million.

The work session recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

Mr. Paul Stevens, City Manager, reviewed the proposed service enhancements. He proposed a 3% salary increase. He reviewed proposed enhancements in various departments.

Council held discussion of the Sims Library Fund and after further dialogue the consensus was to fund the library \$1,050,650.

After further discussion, Council set the next budget work session to be held Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary