

City Council  
August 3, 2015

A work session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 6:00 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.

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Council discussed the Economic Development Incentive Policy. Mr. Doug Barnes, Director of Economic Development, reported guidelines and criteria for governing Economic Development incentives, particularly tax abatement agreements are effective for two years. He noted Council approved the guidelines on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 therefore it will require consideration in 2017.

Ms. Kassandra Carroll, Economic Development Coordinator, reviewed a regional abatement policy comparison noting comparisons widely varied from city to city.

Mr. Barnes reviewed the current application and policy statement for tax abatement.

After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of Council was to leave the investment of at least \$2,000,000 in new property improvements as assessed on property tax roll is required, and the economic life of the facility or improvements must exceed the abatement period. Amend the requirement of number of full time employees from ten (10) to fifteen (15).

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders  
City Secretary