

City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission
April 18, 2016

A Work Session of the Mayor and City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Waxahachie, Texas, was held in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Planning & Zoning
Commission Members
Present: Jim Cooper, Chairman
Rick Keeler
Bonney Ramsey
Melissa Ballard
Jim Phillips
Rodney Bell

Members Absent: Betty Jefferson, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Paul Stevens, City Manager
Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary
Steve Chapman, City Attorney
Darren Groth, Director of Planning
Nathan Warren, Planner
Jeff Chambers, Public Works Director
James Gaertner, City Engineer

Mayor Kevin Strength called the City Council meeting to order.

Chairman Jim Cooper called the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to order.

Mr. Dan Sefco, Freese & Nichols, 4055 International Plaza, Fort Worth, Texas, presented the draft Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Sefco recapped the Comprehensive Plan is a plan adopted by the Council as the official policy regarding the guidance and coordination of the development of land in the City. The Plan is a 10-20 year vision, decision-making guide, a guide for future land uses, basis for City policy, basis for zoning and basis for Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion was held on the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan including the west side of IH35E, IH35E rebuild, Midway Airport, Growth Strategies, Trail Connections, Medical Center District, and Roadways. Concerns were expressed that the Comprehensive Plan doesn't allow for unique exceptions. Mr. Sefco noted the plan does allow for variances that add value to Waxahachie that are above what is envisioned in the plan. It was the consensus to continue reviewing the draft plan and reevaluate at a future work session.

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Mr. Sefco announced the next work session on the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The work session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary