

City Council
August 21, 2017

A worksession of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held Monday, August 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

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
Lori Saunders, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Strength called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion of City of Waxahachie 2017-2018 fiscal-year Budget

Mr. Charles Harris, Director of Finance, presented a brief overview of the funds updated from the previous budget meeting. He presented a revised Service Enhancements & Capital Replacement sheet adding a new Administrative Support employee, two dispatchers, Senior Activity Center roof repair, and Architectural service to design a new Utility Maintenance building. The revised Service Enhancements & Capital Replacement totaled \$5,023,366. Mr. Harris stated the tax rate remains at 0.68.

Discussion was held pertaining to staffing 6 new firefighter positions. Mr. Paul Stevens, City Manager, stated the Fire Department will apply for a grant to assist with the new positions and explained it will not be awarded until July 2018.

Discussion was held pertaining to the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC) 2017-2018 fiscal-year budget. Mr. Stevens reported at the recent WCDC meeting the Board allocated \$550,000 for the Sports Complex to construct a new parking lot off of the one-way road, restripe parking from Frontage Road gate to Park Place, and fill in pot holes with concrete. He stated the work will be coordinated so not to disrupt play at the Sports Complex. Mr. Stevens stated the Board also approved \$10,000 for a pull behind mower and \$15,000 for landscaping. Mr. Stevens referenced the Civic Center and reported the enhanced designs for the plaza areas located on the east and west side of the facility came in over budget. He stated the Board approved up to \$450,000 for designs for the design concepts at the east and west entrances and will further review once detailed designs are completed.

After further discussion, City Council requested an additional budget worksession to continue discussion of staffing 6 new firefighter positions, Sports Complex, and Utility Shop Building.

3. Citizens' Petitions and Requests

None

4. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager

None

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary