

City Council
October 19, 2017

A work session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 401 South Rogers, on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 5:00 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: Michael Scott, City Manager
Robert Brown, City Attorney
Lori Saunders, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Strength called the meeting to order and welcomed members from the Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Discussion of City of Waxahachie Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. David Bailey, Director of Utilities, reviewed the Water Capital Improvement Plan and presented a list of the 6-year priority ranking projects; capacity expansion projects map and rehabilitation projects map. He reviewed 49 projects noting some projects are ranked as to water quality and others ranked to building priority.

Council held discussion and re-prioritized projects.

Mr. Charles Harris, Director of Finance, presented the current debt service for the water and wastewater funds and explained impact fees are going to be very critical in making these projects affordable. He reviewed the interest rate and market debt cost estimates noting the City is receiving good low rates. Mr. Harris reviewed impact fees collected over the past years and estimated the water rate will increase 2.25% per year.

Mr. Bailey reviewed the Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan and presented a list of the 6-year priority ranking projects. He stated the total cost of the projects total \$41,552,568 noting it is very close to the amount for the Water CIP projects.

Mr. Bailey reviewed the Jefferson Street Lift Station noting it needs immediate improvements. City Manager Michael Scott stated the engineer part of this is one year of engineering services. He stated this needs to get started and recommended presenting an engineering contract to Council for approval.

Mr. James Gaertner, City Engineer, discussed the Grove Creek Lift Station noting a lot of growth is coming out to this Lift Station and explained the significant need to get the forced main in and get the project complete. He stated the developer is ready to build but the forced main will need

to be built first. Mr. Gaertner stated Staff is working to get the engineering complete and a Developers Agreement will be provided. He stated the cost for the relocation of the sewer line is \$1,798,431 and the Broadhead Lift Station expansion is \$755,000.

Mr. Scott stated, based on discussion, Staff will regroup and get Mr. Gary Hendrix, Birkhoff, Hendricks, & Carter, to refresh the scenario.

Mr. Harris stated the semi-truck and trailer addition for sludge disposal, semi-truck and trailer replacement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and vac-truck will be paid in the 2020 Bond Program.

After further discussion, it was determined timing is an issue on the Broadhead Lift Station but not as desperate as the Grove Creek Lift Station.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved the meeting adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton seconded, All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary