

City Council
March 5, 2018

A briefing session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas, on Monday, March 5, 2018 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: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Robert Brown, City Attorney
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Strength called the meeting to order.

2. Conduct a briefing to discuss items for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting

City Manager Michael Scott welcomed staff, guest and candidates. He introduced Mr. Albert Lawrence as the new Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Shon Brooks, Director of Planning, reviewed items on the agenda noting staff is in agreement with a Final Plat on the Consent Agenda. Quickway Signs has satisfied all requirements on the electronic sign pertaining to item 9. He stated Camden Park is back with a request for lot increase on item 11 noting staff is in support. Item 13 is requesting an Infill Ordinance turning one lot into two lots and it does meet the intent of the Ordinance. Mr. Brooks reviewed item 15 noting it is one lot being subdivided into five lots. He stated the lots will be a little smaller but it is a good use for the area. If approved, item 17 will follow for consideration on a Replat on these lots. Mr. Brooks stated there was a question from an adjacent property owner as to how he can connect his water/sewer line and it was determined he can be served from Marvin Street.

Ms. Anita Brown, Downtown Development Director, stated item 19 is a request for a C-10's Car Show and Concert to be held September 15, 2018. She stated this is the fourth year and the event will cap at 800 cars. Ms. Brown stated it is a great event and the request for street closures are the same as last year's request.

Mr. Doug Barnes, Director of Economic Development, reported item 20 pertains to a rate review mechanism tariff relating to Atmos Energy. He stated Atmos is filing rate increase cases effective April 1st to help cover cost of laying pipe. It will be an increase of 9.8%.

{Councilmember Chuck Beatty arrived}

Mr. Ryan Studdard, Director of Building and Community Services, and Ms. Leila Cole, Health Inspector, presented a proposed Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 2520 Food and Food Handlers. Mr. Studdard reviewed the purpose for the changes as listed below:

- Update TFER chapter from §229 dated 2006 to the new §228 dated 2015
- Update terms and definitions where applicable per the new TFER
- Replace all environmental health language with Building and Community Services
- Update language in Article III to include the new Notice of Improvement Plan and to reference section 1-12 of the code

Mr. Studdard stated to simplify the ordinance, all sections removed were identified as a duplicate and/or the same standards are reflected in the 2015 TFER §228 rules. He stated this will allow for better customer service for our restaurants, allow staff to start implementing and provide improvement plans.

Mr. Scott reviewed the Ordinance noting it mirrors the state standards and keeps us consistent with their practices.

Discussion was held and Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton stated he is highly suspicious noting it is not substantiated by any facts. He stated this is government overreach and questioned if it is applicable for our citizens. Mayor Pro Tem Singleton stated staff is trying to fix problems that are not there. He stated he would like to have a couple of weeks to consider and recommended staff get with local businesses to discuss. He asked City Attorney Robert Brown is this mandatory and Mr. Brown stated it is not.

Mr. Studdard stated the effort is trying to help the restaurants noting staff is being customer service friendly.

Ms. Leila Cole stated this was brought to her attention when she was in Austin training. She explained the process of her inspections noting her goal is to educate the restaurants.

Mr. Scott stated staff's intention is not to put another layer on restaurants. He stated Staff will provide additional information to Council.

Mr. Studdard introduced his Staff as follows noting they are all leaders within their departments:

Ms. Leila Cole - Health Inspector
Mr. JD Cobb - Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Ms. Mary Del Bueno - Community Service Coordinator
Ms. Pam Speaks - Sr. Code Enforcement Officer
Ms. Mari Herrera - Building and Development Coordinator
Mr. Jason Watson - Building Inspector
Mr. Johnny Thompson - Senior Building Inspector with 28 years of service

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary