

City Council
March 29, 2018

A joint work session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas and Board of Trustees of the Waxahachie Independent School District was held in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on Thursday, March 29, 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

Board of Trustees of the Waxahachie ISD Present: Dr. Jeremy Glenn, Superintendent
James Villarreal, President
Dusty Autrey, Vice-President
Gary Fox, Secretary
Matt Authier, Member
Joe Langley, Member
Judd McCutchen, Member
Clay Schoolfield, Member

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary
Members of the Waxahachie City Staff
Members of the WISD Staff

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Strength called the City Council meeting to order.

President James Villarreal called the Board of Trustees of the Waxahachie Independent School District meeting to order.

2. Invocation

President James Villarreal gave the invocation.

3. Discussion of development strategies

City Manager Michael Scott welcomed all attendees and thanked them for the opportunity to meet and discuss the future. Mr. Shon Brooks, Director of Planning, reviewed the subdivision map of developments noting growth is concentrated to the north and stated in the past five (5) years there has been a population growth of approximately 1,000 each year. Mr. Brooks reported 214 building permits were issued in 2016 and 486 in 2017. He stated the population growth was 4.1% last year and is expected to be the same this year.

Mr. Scott stated Buffalo Ridge and Saddle Brooks Estates are both large developments as well as Dove Hollow and they have approximately 600 lots.

Dr. Jeremy Glenn, WISD Superintendent, stated for every 1,000 homes, the district needs a new elementary school.

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton referenced North Grove was thought of five (5) years ago. He stated there is a big wave coming and schools are planned in the North Grove Estates. Mayor Po Tem Singleton stated the entities need to make sure to not hurt one another while planning for development.

Dr. Glenn stated he appreciates the city for seeing a school in the North Grove area development. He thanked Council for developing to the west near the new high school.

Mr. Scott stated the east side will have development for future schools.

Mr. Gary Fox, WISD Board of Trustee Secretary, expressed concern with traffic safety near the new high school. Mayor Kevin Strength stated every road coming through Waxahachie is TxDOT driven and the city has no control and explained retail drives traffic lights.

Mr. Clyde Melick, WISD Assistant Superintendent of Facilities, referenced the new high school site noting it will accommodate approximately 2,300 students. He spoke of putting an agriculture facility on the property and with the location he would like to build a back road similar to the RVG Park. Mr. Melick stated there is enough land around the school to build future schools.

Mr. David Bailey, Director of Utilities, referenced the Cole Creek Drainage area noting the area is located along Broadhead Road. He stated the city is working to bring utilities so development with occur.

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director of Public Works, reported on road restoration projects noting several have been completed such as Marvin Avenue. Others under design include High School Drive, Buffalo Creek and Colonial Acres.

President Villarreal spoke on the safety of the school district and referenced the School Resource Officer program and building on that. He stated the district wants their kids safe and appreciates working With the Waxahachie Police Department. Dr. Glenn spoke highly of Chief Goolsby and his department.

4. Adjourn

Mayor Kevin Strength thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. He suggested meeting quarterly and the WISD Board and Superintendent concurred.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary