

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation
December 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: John Sanders, III, President
Mike Ramsey, Vice President
Kevin Strength, Mayor
Paul Stevens, City Manager
Bob Lynn
Daniel Morton
Layne Ballard

Ex-Officio Lori Saunders, City Secretary
Member Present: Pete Havel, President, Chamber of Commerce
Charles Harris, Director of Finance

Others Present: Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager
Steve Chapman, City Attorney
John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation
Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau
April Ortiz, Civic Center Director

President John Sanders called the meeting to order.

Mayor Kevin Strength moved to approve minutes of the WCDC meeting of November 8, 2016.
Vice President Mike Ramsey seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mr. John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation reviewed previously approved citywide Park improvements. He presented the following parks for consideration:

- Belle Vue Park \$99,965.00
- Oak Lawn \$69,618.00
- AF Thompson \$75,000.00
- Lion's Park \$107,000.00
- Brown Chiles Park \$120,000.00

Mr. Smith stated installation time is 6-10 weeks.

President Sanders stated the amount to approve totals \$471,583.00. He recommended promoting changes to the park. Mr. Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager stated Staff is preparing an on-line presentation of the parks.

President Sanders moved to approve up to \$500,000, for the above Parks as presented, of the \$1.5 million prior allocated to the Park Board. Mayor Kevin Strength seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mr. Smith reported advertising for bids for upgrades to Lee Penn Park will be published on December 14, 2016.

President Sanders referenced Lake Waxahachie Parks asking how to develop and accomplish what all needs to be done. Mr. Paul Stevens, City Manager, stated Staff will seek professional assistance for design upgrades after the first of the 2017. Mr. Smith showed drawings from years back from a local architect depicting peer upgrades.

President Sanders asked for an update on the hike and bike trail. Mr. Stevens stated a video will be out on December 14, 2016 pertaining to the trail. Mr. Scott stated Staff is working to get the Professional Development Agreement signed.

Mayor Strength stated a meeting was recently held pertaining to the amphitheater project will be approximately \$1.6 million for the entire park tying into trails. He stated a lot of good information and planning came out of the meeting.

Mr. Stevens presented a Development Agreement between the City and Legacy Grove Development to participate in building a city park on approximately 9 acres in the Garden Valley development. The agreement includes the City providing \$100,000 and Legacy Grove Development providing the rest of the cost which is most of the cost. The Park will include: playground; splash pad; and, pavilion.

President Sanders asked if the City has any minimum lighting standards for parks. Mr. Stevens stated it does not. Mayor Strength stated he would like to look at lighting cost.

President Sanders moved to approve Development Agreement with Legacy Grove Development LLC for a City Park as presented. Vice President Mike Ramsey seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mr. Scott reported the TIRZ Board recently met and approved funding for downtown beautification to purchase a number of pots, planters, liners and pole brackets for new shade structure and in various downtown locations. He stated Mr. Chris Seale purchased some string lighting for the canopy structure downtown.

President Sanders expressed concern with the lighting on the Courthouse square and asked if the GFI is overloaded causing the lights to go out. He asked if there is a way to manage and adjust lighting overtime to keep them on year-around. President Sanders stated more lighting is needed in the trees. He recommended putting more funding in the 2017 – 2018 Beautification budget for lighting.

Ms. Laura Mosely, Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau stated moisture and ants are a common problem with the lighting going out.

Citizens' Petition and Request

Mr. Bob Lynn presented a design concept at the north courtyard located at the Civic Center. He presented a rendering of the Civic Center logo and seating around it with lighting. Plants and flowers will be planted in the logo. The construction is concrete. Mr. Lynn stated if they Board is interested he will get bids and present at the next Board meeting. The presentation was well received and unanimous consensus was to move forward and present bids at next Board meeting.

Mr. Layne Ballard recommended the Mayor write a letter to Walgreen thanking them for their participation in the community noting they are a valued corporate citizen.

Mayor Strength thanked the Board for their forward thinking.

Mr. Chad Hicks, Park Board Chairman, stated the Park Board is very excited and enjoyed working on the Park Master Plan. He thanked the WCDC Board for their cooperation.

There being no further business, Vice President Mike Ramsey moved the meeting adjourn at 4:17 p.m. Mr. Dan Morton seconded, **All Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary