

City Council
July 27, 2016

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 Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

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
Steve Chapman, City Attorney
Lori Saunders, City Secretary

Mayor Kevin Strength called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton gave the invocation.

City Council and Staff reviewed and discussed the City of Waxahachie 2016-2017 fiscal-year budget.

City Manager Paul Stevens reported the past few years the city has been able to issue bonds without raising taxes and stated refinancing has had a huge impact in a very good way.

Finance Director Charles Harris presented a broad overview of the 2016-2017 fiscal-year budget. He reported the tax rate will not increase and remain at 0.6800, projected balance at September 30, 2017 equals \$9,092,388 and fund balance will equal 100 days. He referenced the General Fund noting one day of operating is equivalent to \$91,000. Mr. Harris reviewed revenues noting sales tax is the largest revenue for the city. He reported in expenditures, personnel services are the largest expenditure.

Council discussed the contract between Rockett Special Utility District and City of Waxahachie at length. Staff reported Rockett made changes to the contract and Staff has a utility attorney in reviewing the contract. After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley asked Staff to coordinate a workshop as soon as possible with the specialist attorney working on the case.

City Manager Paul Stevens reviewed his annual budget noting the budget representations a continuation to the commitment of improving our infrastructure, replacing necessary equipment and an ongoing emphasis of following our economic development strategic plan. The budget allows funding of several quality of life projects for the betterment of the community and adding new employees to address critical areas the critical areas of infrastructure improvements and maintenance. Mr. Stevens presented a list of Service Enhancements that applies to many departments.

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton expressed concern with the cost and necessity of concrete curb

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and parking drives at the Sports Complex, bullet proof glass in Utility Billing, and new web based heating and air conditioning control system for the Senior Center.

Council discussed having a workshop on activities at the lake and recommended to hold the work shop in August.

After further discussion, Council scheduled a second budget workshop prior to the City Council meeting of August 1, 2016.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary