

City Council  
April 2, 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, April 2, 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  
Terry Welch, 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 introduced Mr. Terry Welch visiting for City Attorney Robert Brown. He introduced Mr. Kendall Borg noting he was promoted within the Utility Department to serve in the capacity of Assistant Utilities Director.

Mr. Scott reviewed Consent Agenda Item M noting Council approved at their meeting of March 19, 2018 the TxDOT grant for security fence at Mid-Way Regional Airport. The proposed Resolution supports the TxDOT grant.

He reviewed Item N noting Council authorized for a facilities maintenance position and the requested budget amendment funds equipment and tools associated with the position. He stated Item O pertains to a budget amendment for shift differential pay at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Scott explained this is a companion to the shift differential pay that was approved for the Water Treatment Plant noting it's the two plants to the south for the remainder of this year to offer the same pay.

Mr. Shon Brooks, Director of Planning, reviewed the Planning and Zoning items noting most are Replats. He referenced Items 8 and 9 noting the property does not have fire flow. He stated he will recommend approval subject to the knowledge that fire flow is not provided.

Mr. Brooks reviewed Item 16 noting the applicant is requesting to build private stables that will be situated in the property triangle noting the only issue with that is it will be at the front face of the house. He noted the owners are going to build their house closer to the lake and requested a building permit extension on the stables in order to build the residence. Mr. Brooks explained rather than a SUP expiring in 6 months he suggested withholding of a building permit for the proposed structure until the residence is constructed and has received its final inspection. This would require the extension of the SUP approval. He stated he will request the SUP approval be extended to two (2) years from the date of approval to allow the owners to build their house first.

Mr. Brooks announced on Monday, April 9, 2018, a stakeholders meeting will be held in the Council Conference room at 5:30 p.m. to review the Zoning Ordinance.

Fire Chief Ricky Boyd reviewed Item 18 pertaining to a SAFER Grant. He reported the SAFER Grant application process was recently released and it's a short window to apply. He reviewed the staffing cost noting it takes 12 people to staff a new fire station. The plan is to hire 3 people over a period of 4 years. SAFER will pay 75% of the first year of salaries, 75% the second year and 35% the third year noting this is the current scale SAFER is using. Chief Boyd explained if we apply and hire 3 people under this grant the scale is confirmed for the 3. We can continue to apply for the SAFER grant as we build the staff noting it is a federal grant nationwide. He stated the city applied in 2010 and were able to hire 3 personnel off of that.

Mr. Scott confirmed that each grant we apply for is a stand-alone grant and Chief Boyd concurred. Chief Boyd stated approximately \$335,000 will be awarded in 2018 nationwide. He stated once awarded the grant, you have to officially accept it then you have 180 days to hire the personnel. Mr. Scott explained tonight is just consideration for the grant application. Chief Boyd stated if we were approved, we do have the right to turn it down.

### **3. Adjourn**

*There being no further business, Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved the meeting adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Councilmember David Hill seconded, All Ayes.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright  
City Secretary