

City Council  
April 16, 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 16, 2018 at 6:30 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 reviewed a proposed Ordinance adding Panhandling to Chapter 21, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions of the Waxahachie City Code. He referenced the Police Chief's memo noting it is not intended to prevent people from asking for help, it provides regulations to control aggressive panhandling behavior and scams that take advantage of people's good will. He stated there has been an increase in complaints and the Ordinance will regulate the concerns.

Mr. Scott reviewed an Ordinance re-establishing classified positions under Civil Service. He stated it relates to adding an additional School Resource Officer (SRO). Mr. Scott stated this is very similar with other agreements of this nature between WISD and the Police Department. The proposed Ordinance adds one (1) Police Officer to the Police Department allocated positions. He stated the position has been approved by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Doug Barnes, Director of Economic Development, reviewed a Resolution denying Oncor Electric's application to change rates. He reported Oncor Electric filed an application for approval to increase distribution revenues of \$19,002,177. He stated it allows Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys to intervene on behalf of the cities and try to get this request lowered or make sure it is applicable for rate case presentation. Mr. Barnes stated the request to City Council will be to approve the Resolution denying Oncor's proposed rate increase.

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton asked for a comparison of what utilities requested; the final results; and the rate of return on equity. Staff stated they will compile the information for him.

Mr. Tommy Ludwig, Executive Director of Development Services, reviewed a contract with Brown and Gay Engineers, Inc. for utility location and engineering design services associated with the TxDOT Viaduct Project along Highway 77 and Monroe Street. He stated it will go before Council for consideration in an amount not to exceed \$409,400. In addition to

engineering design services, the contract will identify the location of the impacted utilities and determine whether the City or TxDOT is responsible for the cost of relocation. Once responsibilities for relocation cost have been established, TxDOT will enter into a reimbursement agreement with the City for engineering and construction related expenses.

Mr. Ludwig reported staff is seeking Council's authorization of award of a bid to Circle H Contractors associated with water system improvements for the Katy Lake on the Green Subdivision. He stated the contract will allow for the infrastructure to provide for better connectivity for improved water pressure.

Mr. Ludwig stated there are companion Resolutions for each of the above projects noting they each authorize reimbursement to the Utilities Department operating fund from future bond sales.

### **3. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright  
City Secretary