

City Council
July 2, 2018

A regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Kevin Strength, Mayor
David Hill, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilmember
Mary Lou Shipley, Councilmember
Melissa Olson, 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. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Public Comments

Mr. Judge Hayes, 829 Cantrell Street, Waxahachie, referenced Item 24 Aspen Community Development noting speeding already occurs on Cantrell Street and the proposed development will increase traffic. He stated these types of developments in other areas of the country are in walkability to shopping.

Ms. Amy Hedtke, 106 Vanderbilt, Waxahachie, announced she will be pursuing a Certificate of Obligation petition to have this debt put on the November ballot. She stated the petition will be available this week noting more information can be found at “it’s ok to vote no Waxahachie” on the Facebook page. Ms. Hedtke stated we are trying to reduce unnecessary debt in the city so we can start bringing tax rates down noting residents are already taxed enough and they need tax relief. She stated every time you guys issue more and more and more debt it is a stumbling block to that relief for the tax payers. We see that in defeated bonds and economy and number of jobs that the local people have to work to keep up with the property taxes.

Ms. Shirica Toatley, 104 Blue Moon Drive, Waxahachie, and Ms. Qulaveshia Bowen, 107 Blue Moon Drive, Waxahachie, asked to be added to the next City Council agenda to discuss safety issues in the Felty neighborhood due to the development of Garden Valley Apartments.

Ms. Jennie Francis-Hayes, 829 Cantrell Street, Waxahachie, referenced Item 24 Aspen Community Development noting the development will surround a historic home and the historic value of this home and the surrounding area needs to be maintained.

Ms. Kay Adkins, 824 Farley Street, Waxahachie, referenced the subdivision on Bluebonnet Trails noting she is having issues with getting the developer to install a fence dividing her property from theirs. She stated stakes from the development are down the center of her drive and she can't get in her driveway.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the City Council meeting of June 18, 2018
- b. Minutes of the City Council Worksession of June 18, 2018
- c. Approve street closure for Farm to Table Dinner on the Square
- d. Approve budget amendment for GIS Technician in Planning Department
- e. Request by Mike Riley, Aspen Heights Construction, for a Final Plat of Aspen Heights for 1 lot, being 17.820 acres in the Emory W. Rogers Survey, Abstract 896 (Property ID 256879, 268390, 268389) – Owner: BRECKENRIDGE GROUP WAXAHACHIE TEXAS LP (FP-18-0105)

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve items a. through e. on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded, All Ayes.

7. Introduce Honorary Councilmember

Mayor Strength introduced Felipe Gonzalez as the Honorary Councilmember. He is a graduate of Waxahachie High School graduating as the valedictorian with honors that include the Superintendent's honor roll and also as a National Hispanic Scholar. Felipe was a member of the Waxahachie Indians football team all four years of high school and participated across all levels. He was a member of the Academic UIL team in which he participated in math and science competitions. Felipe was a member of the National Honor Society through which he participated in community service. He was a member of the Future Health Professionals Club. Felipe will be attending the University of Texas next semester where he will major in Biology with an honors degree. He will participate in the prestigious Health Science Scholars and Freshman Research Initiative programs at UT. Felipe plans to go on to study medicine and one day practice medicine.

8. Recognition of Public Works Department for "Project of the Year" from the Texas Public Works Association for their work on Marvin Street

Mayor Strength stated at the recent Texas Public Works Association conference and awards banquet, the Public Works Department received the Project of the Year award for the Marvin Street project. He noted the Marvin Street project was in the same 2.5 million dollar category with the Alamo Dome project. Mayor Strength congratulated Public Works Director Jeff Chambers and his department for their work on the project.

Mr. Chambers stated the project was a city-wide team effort and was possible do to the support of City Council and citizens.

- 9. Consider request by Kars Tamminga for a Final Plat of Pioneer Point Phase 1 and 2 for 20 lots, being 29.068 acres situated in the Charles Atteberry Survey, Abstract 10 (Property ID 210780) in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction – Owner: TAMMINGA FAMILY PRTNSP LTD (FP-18-0097)**

Mr. Shon Brooks, Director of Planning, reported the applicant met the requirement of the Subdivision Ordinance. He recommended approval.

Action:

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved to approve a request by Kars Tamminga for a Final Plat of Pioneer Point Phase 1 and 2 for 20 lots, being 29.068 acres situated in the Charles Atteberry Survey, Abstract 10 (Property ID 210780) in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction – Owner: TAMMINGA FAMILY PRTNSP LTD (FP-18-0097). Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

- 10. Consider request by Wes Dorough, JH-Development LLC, for a Final Plat of The Cove Phase Two for 94 residential and 1 open space lots, being 24.329 acres in the Henry Sange Survey, Abstract 1009, the Robert Russell Survey, Abstract 911, and the Henri Levy Survey, Abstract 629 (Property ID 223031) – Owner: MORITZ INTERESTS LTD (FP-18-0092)**

Mr. Brooks reported the Final Plat meets Staff requirements. He recommended approval subject to the Public Works letter of acceptance is necessary prior to the recording.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve a request by Wes Dorough, JH-Development LLC, for a Final Plat of The Cove Phase Two for 94 residential and 1 open space lots, being 24.329 acres in the Henry Sange Survey, Abstract 1009, the Robert Russell Survey, Abstract 911, and the Henri Levy Survey, Abstract 629 (Property ID 223031) – Owner: MORITZ INTERESTS LTD (FP-18-0092) subject to staff comments. Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded, All Ayes.

- 11. Consider Landscape Plan for The Cove Phase 2 as a companion to FP-18-0092 – Owner: MORITZ INTERESTS LTD**

Mr. Brooks reported the landscape plan is a companion of the above Final plat. He noted the applicant provided neighborhood signage that will be throughout the development. Mr. Brooks recommended approval.

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to approve a Landscape Plan for The Cove Phase 2 as a companion to FP-18-0092 – Owner: MORITZ INTERESTS LTD. Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded, All Ayes.

12. Consider Landscape Plan for Sheppard's Place as a companion to PP-17-0157 – Owner: JHDMC, LLC

Mr. Brooks reported the landscape plan is a companion to a previously approved Preliminary Plat. He recommended approval.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve a Landscape Plan for Sheppard's Place as a companion to PP-17-0157 – Owner: JHDMC, LLC. Councilmember Melissa Olson seconded, All Ayes.

13. Public Hearing on a request by Alyssa Martel, Solar City dba Tesla Energy, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Rooftop Solar Panel System use within a Planned Development-Single Family-2 zoning district, located at 119 Rain Cloud Drive, being LOT 10 BLK Q BUFFALO RIDGE ADDN PH IIIB 0.173 AC (Property ID 267470) - Owner: MAU STEFAN & APRIL ROMAN (SU-18-0090)

Mayor Strength opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brooks reported the applicant seeks to install solar panels on the roof and explained the applicant is meeting all requirements. He recommended approval as presented.

There being no others to speak for or against SU-18-0090, Mayor Strength closed the Public Hearing.

14. Consider proposed Ordinance approving Zoning Change No. SU-18-0090

ORDINANCE NO. 3041

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT A ROOFTOP SOLAR PANEL USE WITHIN A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-SINGLE-FAMILY-2 (PD-SF2) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 119 RAIN CLOUD DRIVE, BEING PROPERTY ID 267470, IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING LOT 10, BLOCK Q IN THE BUFFALO RIDGE ADDITION PHASE IIIB SUBDIVISION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Councilmember Melissa Olson moved to approve Ordinance No. 3041 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

15. Consider request by Stan Beard, Buc-ee's Ltd, for a Preliminary Plat of Buc-ee's Addition for 4 lots, being 58.72 acres in the Elbert C. Newton Survey, Abstract 790, John Shavor Survey, Abstract 1000, and Peter B. Stout Survey, Abstract 1003 (Property ID 188453) – Owner: 60 WAX RE HOLDINGS, LLC (PP-18-0098)

Mr. Brooks reported the applicant is working through staff comments and working with staff to insure all needs are met. He recommended approval per staff comments.

Action:

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved to approve a request by Stan Beard, Buc-ee's Ltd, for a Preliminary Plat of Buc-ee's Addition for 4 lots, being 58.72 acres in the Elbert C. Newton Survey, Abstract 790, John Shavor Survey, Abstract 1000, and Peter B. Stout Survey, Abstract 1003 (Property ID 188453) – Owner: 60 WAX RE HOLDINGS, LLC (PP-18-0098). Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

- 16. Consider request by R. Jay Anthony, AP Land Development LLC, for a Preliminary Plat of Springside Estates Phase 1 for 58 residential and 2 non-residential lots, being 88.651 acres situated in the John Collet Survey, Abstract 221 (Property ID 138304, 138712, 138303) in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction – Owner: AKP STILLWATER PARTNERSHIP and AP WAXAHACHIE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (PP-18-0094)**

Mr. Brooks reported the applicant met staff requirements and recommended approval.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve a request by R. Jay Anthony, AP Land Development LLC, for a Preliminary Plat of Springside Estates Phase 1 for 58 residential and 2 non-residential lots, being 88.651 acres situated in the John Collet Survey, Abstract 221 (Property ID 138304, 138712, 138303) in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction – Owner: AKP STILLWATER PARTNERSHIP and AP WAXAHACHIE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (PP-18-0094). Councilmember Melissa Olson seconded, All Ayes.

- 17. Consider request by R. Jay Anthony, AP Land Development LLC, for a Final Plat of Springside Estates Phase 1 for 58 residential and 2 non-residential lots, being 88.651 acres situated in the John Collet Survey, Abstract 221 (Property ID 138304, 138712, 138303) in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction – Owner: AKP STILLWATER PARTNERSHIP and AP WAXAHACHIE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FP-18-0080)**

Mr. Brooks presented the Final Plat noting it meets the requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance. He recommended approval.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve a request by R. Jay Anthony, AP Land Development LLC, for a Final Plat of Springside Estates Phase 1 for 58 residential and 2 non-residential lots, being 88.651 acres situated in the John Collet Survey, Abstract 221 (Property ID 138304, 138712, 138303) in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction – Owner: AKP STILLWATER PARTNERSHIP and AP WAXAHACHIE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (FP-18-0080). Mayor Kevin Strength seconded, All Ayes.

- 18. Public Hearing on a request by Lance Rust, Joe Rust Co., for a Zoning Change from a Planned Development-Single Family-1 zoning district to Single Family-1 located on Lone Elm Road before the turn near Meadow Crest Drive (Property ID 180711) - Owner: WALKER BRINT & WALKER CLINT (ZC-18-0093)**

Mayor Strength opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brooks stated the property is adjacent to the Emory Lakes Development and explained the selected parcel somehow became part of the Planned Development. The request is to remove it from Planned Development and create a straight Single Family-1 Zoning. He stated the applicant met all staff requirements and recommended approval.

There being no others to speak for or against ZC-18-0093, Mayor Strength closed the Public Hearing.

19. Consider proposed Ordinance approving Zoning Change No. ZC-18-0093

ORDINANCE NO. 3042

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ZONING CHANGE FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-SINGLE FAMILY-1 (PD-SF1) TO SINGLE FAMILY-1 (SF1) LOCATED ON LONE ELM ROAD BEFORE THE TURN NEAR MEADOW CREST DRIVE IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING 21.607 ACRES KNOWN AS THE LONE ELM ADDITION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to approve Ordinance No. 3042 as presented. Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded, All Ayes.

20. Consider request by Lance Rust, Joe Rust Co., for a Preliminary Plat of Lone Elm Addition for 13 residential lots, being 21.607 acres in the E. H. Belcher Survey, Abstract 143 (Property ID 180711) – Owner: WALKER BRINT & WALKER CLINT (PP-18-0083)

Mr. Brooks reported this item accompanies previously approved ZC-18-0093 noting staff recommended applicant sharing a split drive and applicant agreed. He noted there are some remaining outstanding comments and recommended approval per staff comments.

Action:

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved to approve a request by Lance Rust, Joe Rust Co., for a Preliminary Plat of Lone Elm Addition for 13 residential lots, being 21.607 acres in the E. H. Belcher Survey, Abstract 143 (Property ID 180711) – Owner: WALKER BRINT & WALKER CLINT (PP-18-0083) subject to staff comments. Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

21. Public Hearing on a request by Josh Spoerl, Arrive Architecture Group, for a Zoning Change from a General Retail zoning district to General Retail and Planned Development-Mixed Use Residential, with Concept Plan, located at NE corner of US 287 Bypass Service Road at FM 813, being 911 R RUSSELL 7.121 ACRES and 911 R RUSSELL 10.6200 ACRES (Property ID 227073 and 138302) - Owner: LYONS AMERICAN SECURITIES INC (PD-18-0074)

Mayor Strength opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brooks announced the applicant requested to continue PD-18-0074 to the City Council meeting of July 16, 2018.

22. Consider proposed Ordinance approving Zoning Change No. PD-18-0074

Action:

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved to continue a request by Josh Spoerl, Arrive Architecture Group, for a Zoning Change from a General Retail zoning district to General Retail and Planned Development-Mixed Use Residential, with Concept Plan, located at NE corner of US 287 Bypass Service Road at FM 813, being 911 R RUSSELL 7.121 ACRES and 911 R RUSSELL 10.6200 ACRES (Property ID 227073 and 138302) - Owner: LYONS AMERICAN SECURITIES INC (PD-18-0074) to the City Council meeting of July 16, 2018. Mayor Kevin Strength seconded, All Ayes.

23. Consider request by James P. Moon, Attorney and Authorized Representative of Blue Bonnet Trails, LLC, Owner, for a PETITION TO EXTEND APPROVAL pursuant to Appendix C – Subdivisions, Section 2.3 – Procedures and Submission Requirements for Preliminary Plat Approval for Blue Bonnet Trail (Property ID 182266 and 182267) – Owner: BLUE BONNET TRAILS LLC (PP-18-0096)

Mr. Brooks reported the applicant request to extend the Preliminary Plat for one (1) year noting it was approved two (2) years ago and a Preliminary Plat expires after two (2) years. He explained it has taken the applicant additional time securing water and easement to reach the subject site located at Farley Street and Highway 287. Mr. Brooks stated currently there are site improvements and the applicant has been working on the property for the success of the Preliminary Plat.

Mayor Strength stated the question is to extend for one year. Mr. Brooks concurred.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to extend a request by James P. Moon, Attorney and Authorized Representative of Blue Bonnet Trails, LLC, Owner, for a PETITION TO EXTEND APPROVAL pursuant to Appendix C – Subdivisions, Section 2.3 – Procedures and Submission Requirements for Preliminary Plat Approval for Blue Bonnet Trail (Property ID 182266 and 182267) – Owner: BLUE BONNET TRAILS LLC (PP-18-0096) for one (1) year expiring on July 5, 2019. Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded, All Ayes.

24. Continue Public Hearing on a request by Blain Vinson, Aspen Community Development, for a Zoning Change from a Single Family-3 zoning district to Planned Development-SF-3, with Concept Plan, located East of 865 Cantrell Street, being 6 JC ARMSTRONG 17.521 ACRES (Property ID 244351) - Owner: WALKER L GORDON ETAL (PD-18-0059)

Mayor Strength continued the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brooks clarified that Aspen Community Development is a separate development from Daymark Living that is constructing a development across the street. He reported the applicant seeks zoning to establish a cottage-concept neighborhood of approximately seventy-three (73) detached cottage style dwellings with shared carriage houses. He stated the applicant at this time seeks approval of a concept plan with City Council support on the zoning and if approved the applicant will then go out for the particular design and come back for approval. Mr. Brooks stated staff and the applicant are still working on the private and public streets noting that will depend on details discovered over the next year. He presented an example of the applicant's proposal noting staff has concerns with units near the property line and concerns with increased density from what is allowed. Mr. Brooks stated it is a very unique concept and staff will work with the applicant on details.

Mayor Strength stated it will cause additional stress on Cantrell Street. Mr. Brooks stated Cantrell Street is well-traveled and additional traffic will bring on additional stress. He reported it is a TxDOT road and they don't have any upcoming plans to modify Cantrell. City Manager Michael Scott stated the Police Department is aware of the speed and staff is trying to address that.

Mr. Blaine Vinson, applicant, talked specifically about the concerns of the residents on Cantrell. He stated traffic will be a marginal increase because young professions will have one vehicle reducing the traffic concerns. He addressed the wildlife noting it will be driven away as development occurs. Mr. Vinson stated he spoke to the Parks and Recreation Department to build a bridge over to Bullard's Park.

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley asked Mr. Vinson what he proposes to do to assist the park. Mr. Vinson stated he will use the park fee to go back into Bullard Park exclusively.

Ms. Gina Moore, 855 Cantrell Street, Waxahachie, thanked Council and the applicant for his work on the Concept Plan noting the plan makes her nervous. She stated she loves the property being the cows and barns and having neighbors that care noting it was zoned Ag only until the property owner sold.

Mr. Judge Hayes, 829 Cantrell Street, Waxahachie, stated he understands growth and a tax base and stated more nature will be ran out with this development.

There being no others to speak for or against PD-18-0059, Mayor Strength closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brooks stated if Council recommends approval he suggested a detailed stipulation for the site pan to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council prior to construction on this property with the understanding that there will be great attention given to the site plan so as not to disturb the nature of the neighborhood any more than is necessary.

25. Consider proposed Ordinance approving Zoning Change No. PD-18-0059

ORDINANCE NO. 3043

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ZONING CHANGE FROM SINGLE FAMILY-3 (SF3) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-SINGLE FAMILY-3 (PD-SF3), WITH CONCEPT PLAN LOCATED EAST OF 865 CANTRELL STREET IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING 17.521 ACRES KNOWN AS PROPERTY ID 244351 OF THE JC ARMSTRONG SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 6, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved to approve Ordinance No. 3043 with additional stipulations that before any construction or planning would be set in motion that it be approved by both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council with the understanding that there will be great attention given to the site plan so as not to disturb the nature of the neighborhood any more than is necessary. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded, All Ayes.

26. Consider award of a bid to J & K Excavation, LLC for the corridor rehabilitation of Lavista Street.

Mr. Jeff Chambers, Director of Public Works, reported five (5) bids were recently received for the above project and after examination of the bids, staff recommended to award the bid to J & K Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$690,759.20. Mr. Chambers stated the project will provide new curbs, gutters, streetlights, utilities and pavement along Lavista Street from Greenbrier Street to Highway 77. He stated project completion date is 180 days.

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to award a bid to J & K Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$690,759.20 for the corridor rehabilitation of Lavista Street. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded, All Ayes.

27. Consider a resolution authorizing the reimbursement of the General Fund's Unrestricted Reserves from the proceeds of future debt for the rehabilitation of Lavista Street.

Mr. Scott presented Resolution No. 1250 noting it is a companion for Item 26 authorizing a reimbursement to the General Fund's Unrestricted Reserves Utilities from future bond sales.

RESOLUTION NO. 1250

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING A CORRIDOR REHABILITATION OF LAVISTA STREET

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve Resolution No. 1250 as presented. Mayor Kevin Strength seconded, All Ayes.

28. Consider award of a bid to Tiseo Paving Company for the corridor rehabilitation of Indian Hills Drive and Buffalo Creek Drive.

Mr. Chambers reported five (5) bids were recently received for the above project and after examination of the bids, staff recommended to award the bid to the second lowest bidder, Tiseo Paving Company, in the amount of \$1,278,944.95. Mr. Chambers stated the project will provide new curbs, gutters, streetlights, utilities and pavement along Indian Hills Drive, from Sagebrush Lane to Buffalo Creek Drive and Buffalo Creek Drive to Indian Trace Lane.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to award a bid to Tiseo Paving Company in the amount of \$1,278,944.95 for the corridor rehabilitation of Indian Hills Drive and Buffalo Creek Drive. Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley seconded, All Ayes.

29. Consider a resolution authorizing the reimbursement of the General Fund's Unrestricted Reserves from the proceeds of future debt for the rehabilitation of Indian Hills Drive and Buffalo Creek Drive.

Mr. Scott presented Resolution No. 1251 noting it is a companion for Item 28 authorizing a reimbursement to the General Fund's Unrestricted Reserves Utilities from future bond sales.

RESOLUTION NO. 1251

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING A CORRIDOR REHABILITATION OF INDIAN HILLS DRIVE AND BUFFALO CREEK DRIVE

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve Resolution No. 1251 as presented. Mayor Kevin Strength seconded, All Ayes.

30. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager

Councilmember Melissa Olson thanked City Manager Michael Scott for the email briefing he gave City Council. She stated Council used to have briefings before every meeting noting they were a great way for staff to update Council on everything and the actual Council meetings would go faster and not keep everyone too late. Councilmember Olson stated they were public meetings and everyone was more than welcome to attend noting she attended as a citizen and livestreamed them for others who couldn't attend for whatever reason. She stated apparently there was an executive decision to stop having council briefings and that coincided with her first council meeting which was on May 21, 2018 noting she found out when she picked up her Council packet on May 18, 2018 and found no briefing agenda. Councilmember Olson stated

unless the briefings are reinstated she asked Mr. Scott to continue briefing emails in preparation of the council meetings.

Councilmember Olson referenced Boards and Commissions Minutes that are no longer on the Council agenda for approval noting everyone online should have access to Minutes. She stated Minutes are not approved until the next time each of these boards convene to approve their minutes. Councilmember Olson asked Mr. Scott if he authorized the change to the agenda which included removing the various Boards and Committees Minutes. Mr. Scott replied he did. She asked if he was approached by any council members to make this change. He stated there was discussion with council members. Councilmember Olson stated, for transparency reasons, she would like to have them reinstated in the agenda packet. She wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Councilmember Chuck Beatty stated the recent monument dedication at Lee Penn Park honoring three civic leaders was a great event. He stated he looks forward to the next phase of the park. Councilmember Beatty thanked Honorary Councilmember Felipe Gonzalez for his attendance.

Mr. Scott stated this past week was the first week the city instituted revisions to the lake parks to help ease crowd control noting it did not behave the way it had in recent weekends with very light attendance and maybe that is because word got out. He stated the same measures will be continued on July 4th and the following weekend. Staff will reconvene and discuss how we want to proceed with ongoing control of the lake parks. Mr. Scott stated it was a successful weekend from all accounts as far as keeping the population down and again it is still open for all city residents and encouraged residents to use the lake parks noting they are open for business. He thanked Mr. Jeff Chambers and his team for their fine work on a well-deserved award.

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill thanked Mayor Strength for his service to the city and his undying love for the community. He noted it is a payless job and Mayor Strength puts numerous miles on his pickup driving that he pays for himself going out and visiting job sites and developments so good decisions can be made. He congratulated Mayor Strength for his role as President of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) noting he is President of 16 counties and 230 members consisting of Mayors, City Councilmembers and people in government. Mayor Pro Tem Hill stated he is proud to be serving with Mayor Strength.

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley added thanks and compliments to Mayor Strength. She stated why it is an inconvenience now until Interstate 35 is completed; Mayor Strength had an important part in working with the NCTCOG and seeing that the state money went to Ellis County south of Dallas instead of somewhere north of Dallas. She stated a lot of work went into that and Ellis County has benefitted greatly from it. Councilmember Shipley stated she was one of those council members that spoke to the City Manager about leaving out some of the Minutes from the consent agenda and the reason she suggested that be done is that the City Council has no authority to approve or disapprove the Minutes of other Boards and Commissions and therefore having those on the consent agenda was pointless. She noted anyone wanting to see minutes, all they have to do is ask. Councilmember Shipley stated there is no lack of transparency on this issue noting it is a fraudulent suggestion that there is. She thanked Honorary Councilmember Felipe Gonzalez noting she hopes that the program to include a student of the month will pay off in the long run and these people will see the importance of becoming involved in their local government. Councilmember Shipley thanked audience

members for their attendance and participation and encouraged continued communication with City Council and participating at City Council meetings.

City Attorney Robert Brown echoed the congratulations to the Public Works Department and Mayor Strength. He wished everybody a fun and safe Fourth of July.

Ms. Amy Borders, Director of Communications and Marketing, stated the Waxahachie Fourth of July festivities were promoted by Good Morning Texas inviting all to come out to the Waxahachie Sports Complex on July 3rd and enjoy all the festivities, live music and fireworks. She announced on July 4th the parade honoring our military veterans will be held.

31. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary