City Council
July 25, 2018

A work session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.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
	Lori Cartwright, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Strength called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion of City of Waxahachie 2018-2019 fiscal-year Budget

Mr. Charles Harris, Director of Finance, reviewed projected revenues and core expenses for fiscal year 2018-2019. He reported the recommended budget and revenues total $41,080,900. He reviewed various funds, the 5-year Operating Plan, 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and Service Enhancements.   Mr. Harris stated the city has a 90 day rainy day fund and recommended, for at least one year, Council approve a rainy day fund of 125 days instead of 90 days. City Manager Michael Scott stated this will become a new normal with the 5-year plans to prevent slowing down development projects.

Mr. Harris reported for fiscal year 2018 the revenues are within 1% of the estimated revenues projected. He reviewed the water and wastewater fund noting rates will increase October 1, 2018 and recommended a senior discount for residents 65 and older so they won't have an increase.

Councilmember Melissa Olson recommended lowering the tax rate one cent to help citizens who struggle making their house payments noting citizens need tax relief.   The remaining Councilmembers spoke in opposition of the proposal noting it would not impact the average homeowner.

In summary, staff was asked to provide additional information for funding improvements to the Chautauqua Auditorium and the Oaklawn Park.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary