

City Council
September 4, 2018

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 S. Rogers, on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:00 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. Discuss staffing structure for the Fire Department

City Manager Michael Scott stated in the past Council held a work session and discussed applying for a SAFER Grant for staffing of fire fighters. He noted it was discussed that when staff applied for the grant and awarded, they would come back and revisit with Council before accepting the SAFER Grant. Mr. Scott stated if it is Council's desire to consider the grant staff will bring it to the September 17, 2018 Council meeting for consideration.

Fire Chief Ricky Boyd stated on August 31, 2018 he received notification of award of the SAFER Grant. He stated the grant is for staffing of the future Fire Station 4 which is projected to open in fiscal year 2022 per the current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Chief Boyd stated their annual call volume has increased by 20.4% over the last 4 fiscal years which projects to an annual call volume of 5,400 calls by fiscal year 2022. He reviewed the ISO credit for distribution and company personnel and presented maps depicting locations of current fire stations and a map adding Station 4.

Chief Boyd recommended hiring 3 people over a period of 4 years. He stated the present SAFER Grant is for \$462,767 over 3 years as follows:

- Year 1 75% = \$187,608
- Year 2 75% = \$187,608
- Year 3 35% = \$ 87,551

Chief Boyd stated if we hire 3 firefighters each year for the next 4 fiscal years, the cost is projected to be \$1,330,904 for fiscal year 2022. He stated the City has 30 days to accept or reject the SAFER Grant.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved the meeting adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary