

City Council
September 20, 2018

A special 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 Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Kevin Strength, Mayor
David Hill, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilmember
Melissa Olson, Councilmember

Council Member Absent: Mary Lou Shipley, 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. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consider proposed Ordinance approving revised budget figures for fiscal year 2017-2018 and approving the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019

ORDINANCE NO. 3052

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, APPROVING REVISED BUDGET FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018, FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, EITHER BY ENCUMBRANCE OR BY TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FOR STREETS; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to approve Ordinance No. 3052. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Kevin Strength, David Hill, and Chuck Beatty. Noes: Melissa Olson. The motion carried 3-1

5. Consider proposed Ordinance approving the Water and Wastewater Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019

ORDINANCE NO. 3053

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE'S WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve Ordinance No. 3053. Councilmember Melissa Olson seconded, All Ayes.

6. Consider proposed Ordinance amending Water and Wastewater fees setting an effective date of October 1, 2018

ORDINANCE NO. 3054

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES, BY AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1ST, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve Ordinance No. 3054. Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

7. Consider proposed Ordinance approving the Robert W. Sokoll Water Treatment Plant Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019

ORDINANCE NO. 3055

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SOKOLL WATER TREATMENT PLANT JOINT VENTURE FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to approve Ordinance No. 3055. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded, All Ayes.

8. Consider proposed Ordinance approving the Refuse Service Fund; Hotel Tax Fund; Waxahachie Community Development Corporation Budget; and, Interest and Sinking Fund for fiscal year 2018-2019

ORDINANCE NO. 3056

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve Ordinance No. 3056. Mayor Pro Tem David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

- 9. Consider proposed Ordinance amending the Solid Waste and Recycling Provisions Section 14.25 (b) Senior Citizens Discount**

ORDINANCE NO. 3057

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 14.25 (b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to approve Ordinance No. 3057. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded, All Ayes.

- 10. Consider proposed Ordinance approving the Tax Rate for fiscal year 2018-2019**

ORDINANCE NO. 3058

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

Action:

*Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.680000, which is effectively a 3.26 percent increase in the tax rate approving Ordinance No. 3058. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Kevin Strength, David Hill, and Chuck Beatty. Noes: Melissa Olson. **The motion carried 3-1.***

- 11. Consider proposed Ordinance re-establishing classified positions under Civil Service**

ORDINANCE NO. 3059

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AND RE-ESTABLISHING CLASSIFIED POSITIONS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE IN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action:

Councilmember Chuck Beatty moved to approve Ordinance No. 3059. Councilmember Melissa Olson seconded, All Ayes.

12. Consider award of Amphitheater bid and related change order

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to award the bid for the Amphitheater to FBM Construction in the amount of \$3,551,855.14 plus additional alternate of \$19,627.66, and approve deductive change order reducing the contract to \$2,995,491.46. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Kevin Strength, David Hill, and Chuck Beatty. Noes: Melissa Olson. The motion carried 3-1.

13. Consider recommendation by Waxahachie Community Development Corporation for additional funding for Amphitheater project

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem David Hill moved to approve additional appropriation from the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation working capital in the amount of \$300,000 for the Amphitheater project. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded. The vote was as follows: Ayes: Kevin Strength, David Hill, and Chuck Beatty. Abstained: Melissa Olson. The motion carried 3-1.

14. Public Comments

None

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

Councilmember Melissa Olson explained her voting. She thanked Mr. Charles Harris, Director of Finance and his staff for their work on the budget and thanked City Manager Michael Scott for his leadership. Councilmember Olson thanked City Council for their work, effort and their time.

Councilmember Chuck Beatty thanked city staff for all their work on the city budget.

City Manager Michael Scott stated staff started the budget process back in April and engaged Council in July with a number of workshops and looked to Council's leadership and direction in putting the budget together. He thanked City Council for passing the budget and stated they will receive the official budget book on October 15, 2018. Mr. Scott thanked Finance Director Charles Harris, Assistant Finance Director Gail Turner and Budget Analyst Kristi Phillips for their hard work putting the budget together noting the city has a group of terrific professionals that work together cohesively to get us here today. Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Jim Phillips, Mr. John Sanders and Leadership Waxahachie for their vision on the Amphitheater project. He announced the groundbreaking for the project is Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilmember Melissa Olson moved the meeting adjourn at 12:12 p.m. Councilmember Chuck Beatty seconded, All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary