

City Council
March 4, 2019

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, March 4, 2019 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
Tommy Ludwig, Assistant City Manager
Robert Brown, City Attorney
Amber Villarreal, Assistant 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 the following items:

- Item 4: Consent agenda is standard with one event request for Camp Gladiator Fun Day on March 16, 2019.
- Item 6: Recognize City Employee Wally Mendez for his honesty.
- Item 7: Auditors will review the annual audit and opinion letter.

Director of Planning Shon Brooks reviewed the following cases:

- PD-18-0210, applicant requested to continue the public hearing to the April 1, 2019 City Council meeting. Mr. Brooks noted he has received about 100 letters of opposition from property owners in the area.
- SU-19-0008, will be a banquet type hall for small gatherings.
- PD-19-0009, the requested zoning change will bring the current daycare operating at the church into compliance.
- FP-19-0010, plat includes the landscape plan and meets all city requirements.
- PP-19-0011 and FP-19-0012, both plats meet all city requirements.
- LP-19-0013, landscape plan meets requirements and accompanies the Final Plat approved in May 2017.
- RP-19-0016, plat meets all city requirements.

City Engineer James Gaertner presented the updated Thoroughfare Plan with the recommended changes from council.

Councilmember Melissa Olson asked if approving the Thoroughfare Plan commits the city to approving funding or does it just approve the plan. Mr. Scott explained council would just be approving the plan and funding will be approved depending on the circumstance of development.

Mayor Strength requested to amend the exhibit to align Alliance Boulevard as a thoroughfare.

Police Chief Wade Goolsby reviewed the support resolution allowing the Police Department to apply for a “Mental Health Peace Officer Training” program that would allow all departmental police officers to receive their certification.

Fire Chief Ricky Boyd reviewed the support resolution allowing the Fire Department to apply for the three-year SAFER grant. He explained the grant provides the same reimbursement amounts as the one we were awarded in 2018 (75% of eligible costs with a City match of 25% for the first and second years and 35% of eligible costs with a City match of 65% for the third year.)

Capital Projects Manager Kip Dernovich reviewed the award of bid for the construction of erosion control measures associated with Matthews Street Bridge along with the reimbursement resolution. He noted the estimated time of completion is the end of September 2019. Mr. Dernovich explained late in the bidding process, city staff became aware of a possible alternative armoring method that utilizes an interlocking concrete block wall system. Kimley-Horn, the project manager, is evaluating the specifications of this alternative system in order to ensure that it will be an equal alternative of the gabion support system.

Mr. Dernovich also reviewed the award of bid for deceleration lane located at the U.S. Highway 287 Service Road and Park Place Boulevard. He noted the estimated time of completion is May 2019.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley moved the meeting adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Councilmember Melissa Olson seconded, All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary