

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie was held on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Joe Jenkins, Mayor
Ron Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilman
Joe Gallo, Councilman
N.B. "Buck" Jordan, Councilman

Others Present: Paul Stevens, City Manager
Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager
Steve Chapman, City Attorney
Lori Saunders, City Secretary

Mayor Joe Jenkins called the meeting to order and Councilman Chuck Beatty gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Chuck Beatty introduced Mr. Tom McAfee as the Honorary City Council Member for the Month of December and noted Mr. McAfee is a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU). He is an independent life and health insurance agent with over forty-four (44) year's experience. He specializes in marketing business, personal and group life, health, disability income, annuities and retirement plans. Mr. McAfee is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and served in the US Army as a helicopter pilot. Tom is an avid golfer, enjoys traveling, gardening and spending time with family and friends. He is a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of regular City Council meeting of November 19, 2007 and Worksession of November 19, 2007
- b. Minutes of regular Planning & Zoning Meeting of November 14, 2007
- c. Minutes of regular Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of November 13, 2007 and special meeting of November 27, 2007
- d. Report for Sims Library for October 2007
- e. Set City Council meeting date of Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Councilman Buck Jordan moved approval of Items a. through e. on the Consent Agenda as listed above. Mayor Pro Tem Ron Wilkinson seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mr. Don Murray, read a memo to the Mayor and City Council addressing handicap accessibility. He noted he wasn't requesting to discuss the issue, just wanted to read his memo.

Mayor Joe Jenkins noted the City Council is continuing discussion on the City-Library Co-operative Agreement and will consider the agreement at a future date.

Mr. Marcus Hickerson, President of the Waxahachie Community Development Committee (WCDC), requested approval of land exchange between the WCDC and the Waxahachie I.S.D. He outlined the land exchange as follows:

1. Land from WISD to City for new road alignment. This will allow the City to align a road across from Vivian Drive for entrance to the Sports Complex and second entrance to the school.
2. Land from WISD to City for Broadhead Road Improvements. This will allow for the expansion of Broadhead Road.
3. Land from WISD to Sports Complex for Track and Field. This land is required for the completion of the track.
4. Land from Sports Complex to WISD for Tennis Courts. The WISD will allow public use of the tennis courts when not in use for WISD activities.
5. Land from WISD to City for new road. This will extend from the road alignment for entry to the Sports Complex and third entry to school. There will be a new gate at the entrance to the Sports Complex to secure when no activity is going on.

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Wilkinson clarified that the land exchange meets State regulations and Mr. Jim Chapman concurred.

Mayor Joe Jenkins asked if the WISD has approved the land exchange and Mr. James Villarreal explained they are waiting for the City's approval before they have their meeting.

Council Joe Gallo asked if the traffic pattern was recommended by City Staff and Mr. Villarreal concurred. City Manager Paul Stevens noted the traffic pattern does allow dedicated turn lanes. Mr. Gallo asked if the Vivian Drive enter-section will be lighted and Mr. Stevens noted that can be addressed when the need arises.

After a brief discussion Mayor Pro Tem Ron Wilkinson moved approval of land exchange between WCDC and WISD as presented. Councilman Joe Gallo seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mr. Marcus Hickerson, President of the Waxahachie Community Development Committee, requested approval of final plans on Phase II construction of the Sports Complex and approval to obtain bids.

Mr. James Villarreal explained the following additions:

1. Add four (4) baseball fields
2. Add two (2) restroom/ concession buildings
3. Add concrete plaza
4. Add additional parking
5. Add two (2) restroom facilities
6. Add landscaping

Mr. Hickerson noted the WCDC approved a Probable Cost breakdown for total construction cost of \$6,379,267.00. This includes pavement demolition; concrete paving; baseball demolition, baseball plaza; baseball fields; football stadium; additional elements; and miscellaneous. In addition, four (4) alternates were listed such as baseball field solid sod; track at football field; total site landscaping; perimeter hike and bike trail totaling \$1,600,000.00.

City Manager Paul Stevens explained the WCDC has 10 million to spend on the Civic Center and Sports Complex, and depending on repairs at the Civic Center the WCDC will have to wait and see how to disburse the monies.

Mr. Hickerson noted the WCDC Board gave this considerable consideration and explained once approved the Board anticipates to go out for bids spring of 2008. The Board estimated completion should be late fall of 2008.

Mr. Hickerson thanked Mr. Villarreal for his hard work at the Sports Complex and noted the tournaments bring business to the City.

After a brief discussion Mayor Pro Tem Ron Wilkinson moved approval of final plans on Phase II construction of the Sports Complex and approval to obtain bids. Councilman Chuck Beatty seconded, **All Ayes.**

CITIZENS PETITIONS AND REQUEST

Honorary Council Member Mr. Tom McAfee noted he was happy to be present and observe the operations of the City.

Councilman Chuck Beatty thanked Mr. McAfee for acting as Honorary City Council Member.

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Wilkinson noted he received a report from Mr. H. R. Lowrance and noted it was very impressive. He requested the City Staff brief the Council on Mr. Lowrance's observation at a later date.

Mayor Joe Jenkins thanked Mr. McAfee and Mr. Murray for attending the City Council meeting. He mentioned to the Council the Elected Officials Conference will be held February 1st through the 3rd in Las Colinas.

City Manager Paul Stevens referred to a card the City received from Emily Oliver complementing John Smith and Wally Mendez for being courteous to her while she was painting on a project at the Parks and Recreations garage.

Mr. Stevens reminded the Mayor and City Council of the City Christmas Party to be held Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. He also noted the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Senior Citizens Center will be December 12, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business Councilman Joe Gallo moved the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Councilman Chuck Beatty seconded, All Ayes.

/s/ Joe Jenkins
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Lori Saunders
City Secretary