

City Council
December 3, 2007

A worksession of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas and the Board of Trustees of the Sims Library was held in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, and Waxahachie, Texas on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Paul Stevens, City Manager
Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager
Steve Chapman, City Attorney
Jim Chapman, Assistant City Attorney
Lori Saunders, City Secretary
Clyde Melick, Planning Director
Doug Barnes, Economic Development Director
Susan Maxwell, Library Director
Shirley Williams, Library Board
Priscilla Parker, Library Board
Dr. Jim Fanning, Library Board
Winnie O'Donnell, Library Board
David Reid, Library Board

Mayor Jenkins opened the meeting noting the meeting needs to be in good faith and decisions need to be reached tonight. He asked the parties involved to get all questions out on the table and look at all possibilities. He explained the City Council previously met and discussed going to the voters in May 2008 could cause a tax rate increase and if we wait until 2010 the tax rate may not increase.

Mr. Steve Chapman presented the Library Plan Scheme 5, 5A, and 6. He explained Scheme 5 represents restoration of historic building, access to Lyceum, renovation of west wing; Scheme 5a represents scaling back Scheme 5; and Scheme 6 represents restoration of historic building, access to Lyceum, renovation of west wing, and new addition of east wing with two (2) levels. Mr. Chapman noted Certificates of Obligations equals 5% of the registered voters requiring 732 signatures on a petition.

Assistant City Manager Michael Scott noted based on the anticipated debt service payment of 10 million debt being issued in 2010 equates to 3.76¢/\$100. He explained with Scheme 5 the debt being issued in 2008 equates to 2.19¢/\$100 and on Scheme 6 it equates to 2.84¢/\$100.

Councilman Buck Jordan asked how many citizens in the city limits does the Library serve and Ms. Susan Maxwell noted approximately 70%. He asked for a breakdown of money that comes into the Library and Ms. Maxwell noted she will provide it to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Scott explained 2010 appears to be the next opportunity to absorb additional debt without a tax increase as all anticipated debt capacity for 2008 budget has been committed. He noted there are some projects that should be considered along with consideration of the Library for future bonding priority such as roads, Highway 77 Corridor, construction of fire station and construction of police station, and City Hall Annex.

Mayor Joe Jenkins announced at 7:20 p.m. the meeting would convene into the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council in the Council Chamber.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m. and the Mayor, City Council and Board of Trustees of the Sims Library continued discussion on the restoration and expansion of Sims Library.

The consensus of the Library Board is to hold a bond election in May 2008. Councilman Joe Gallo suggested waiting until 2010 to see what the debt service impact will be to the city. Councilman Chuck Beatty concurred.

After a lengthy discussion the Council and Library Board agreed to meet again to consider City-Library Co-operative Agreement.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

/s/ Joe Jenkins
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Lori Saunders
City Secretary