

City Council
January 7, 2008

The Worksession meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie was held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room 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
Janet Jenkins, Honorary Councilmember
David Bailey, Utilities Director
Jeff Chambers, Public Works Director
Clyde Melick, Planning Director

Mayor Joe Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

City Manager Paul Stevens announced the Worksession was called to discuss the Wastewater Master Plan and introduced Mr. Gary Hendricks and Mr. Derick Channey with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Conway Engineers.

Mr. Hendricks noted his firm is building computer models for the master plan from existing water and sewer plans. He explained on the water side the future land use is loaded on the model and the system is laid out.

He presented the Wastewater Master Plan Preliminary Service Area map and pointed out the service area and city limits and noted his firm has been working to define the service area. He pointed out the ETJ area which is substantially larger than the service area.

The Council discussed serving the sewer in a bigger service area and/or go outside the service area and serve the ETJ.

Mr. Stevens noted with the building boom some residents want the City to come out and serve their area and if we plan now for the CCN area, then later the pipes will have to be upsized. He noted this Master Plan is more long term.

Mr. Hendricks explained outside the service area there are other current license holders who have rights to the water supply. The sewer is different because the City has the capability. If the City serves everything in the ETJ it will equate to three times more than what we currently serve.

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Wilkinson asked as part of the Master Plan, is Gary Hendricks going to survey the existing system and Mr. Hendricks noted they have gone over the current system and have modeled recommendations for system improvements for growth and deficiencies.

Mr. Hendricks noted with the rainfall, we have inflow going into the sewer system, gutter, and these items show up through the water treatment plant as a spike in the treatment plant and explained their model will match and tie into the City's GPS System to manage the system.

The Council and Staff discussed the flow monitoring identifying issues. Mr. Stevens noted some is already in Utility system and as budget allows we address those issues.

Utility Director David Bailey explained with this type of model the Utilities Department can look and see what pipes need to be repaired and replaced.

The Council discussed serving water outside the service area into the ETJ. And to do that we have to purchase water from the existing water license holders. The best case scenario is to service water and sewer together in the same area to prevent a customer paying their water and sewer bill separately.

Mr. Hendricks noted Midlothian, Red Oak and Ennis are bumped up to the City of Waxahachie and explained we could expand to the south-south west.

Mr. Stevens noted if we don't develop in the ETJ area, rural growth will remain in those areas.

Paul noted we will have water to sell due to the agreement with Rockett Special Utility District. The simpler districts will purchase from the City because they have no other place to go.

Consensus of the City Council is to find out what extent the Master Plan can be developed and designed.

There being no further business Mayor Joe Jenkins moved the meeting adjourn at 7:03p.m.

/s/ Joe Jenkins
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Lori Saunders
City Secretary