

City Council
January 4, 2010

A regular 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 Monday, January 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: N.B. (Buck) Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilman
Joe Jenkins, Councilman
John Wray, Councilman

Council Member Absent: Ron Wilkinson, Mayor

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

Mayor Pro Tem Buck Jordan called the meeting to order and Councilman Chuck Beatty gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 21, 2009
- b. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting of December 21, 2009

Councilman Chuck Beatty moved to approve Items a. through b. on the Consent Agenda.
Councilman John Wray seconded, **All Ayes.**

Planning Director Clyde Melick reported a Resolution for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) grant to construct a pedestrian connection over U.S. Highway 287 Bypass for Farley Street Pedestrian Connection was previously approved by City Council. He presented Resolution No. 1134 and explained the city and Waxahachie Independent School District agrees to provide the required local match of 20% of the total project cost, including the city being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100% of project overruns.

RESOLUTION NO. 1134

RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANEMENT PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM 2009 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE APPLICATION TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION OVER US HIGHWAY 287 BYPASS FOR CONNECTION TO HOWARD EIGHTH GRADE

CENTER and FELTY ELEMENTARY KNOWN AS THE FARLEY STREET PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Waxahachie wish to improve the pedestrian safety and mobility of persons in the community through the promotion of walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the Howard Eighth Grade center and Felty Elementary has been recently opened and is in use by 1,170 school students collectively; and

WHEREAS, the second phase of the Waxahachie Sports Complex has been completed and is in use by many of the citizens of Waxahachie; and

WHEREAS, the completion of a pedestrian connection will further the City of Waxahachie's stated goals within the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for more pedestrian connections throughout the city;

WHEREAS, the current configuration of the Farley Street Bridge over Highway 287 Bypass does not provide facilities for pedestrian use and presents significant danger to pedestrians trying to traverse the highway

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Waxahachie will apply for funding through the Department of Transportation STEP Program to make the necessary improvements for the Farley Street Pedestrian Connection. The City agrees to commit the requisite resources for the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance management and financing. The city in partnership with Waxahachie Independent School District further agrees to provide the required local match of 20% of the total project cost, including the city being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100% of project overruns.

Councilman John Wray moved to approve Resolution No. 1134 as presented. Councilman Chuck Beatty seconded, **All Ayes.**

City Manager Paul Stevens reported at the last city council meeting the subject of the Parks School House Road re-naming project was discussed. He explained the construction of the new four lane boulevard has changed the configuration of the streets in this area and one being the new connection to Main Street. Mr. Stevens reported City Staff sent letters to residents that would be affected by a street change and invited them to tonight's meeting. He noted this item is for discussion and will be considered at the city council meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

City Council continued their discussion reviewing four exhibits of street naming options.

Those who spoke in opposition of extending Peters Street and re-naming Parks School House Road to Peters Street:

Mr. Ronald Livingston, 308 Parks School House Road

Ms. Laura Marshall, resident at Grove Terrace Apartments

Ms. Patricia Parks Kelsey, granddaughter of Mr. W.A. Parks of whom Parks School House Road was named after.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Chuck Beatty moved to continue the meeting to allow City Staff to review the options and meet with the police and fire. Councilman John Wray seconded, **All Ayes.**

Director of Utilities David Bailey presented the following bids for a sanitary sewer line on Patrick Street north of Water Street at Patrick Street intersection:

Fox Contractors, Inc.	\$36,126.25
P.E.T. Construction, Inc.	\$47,431.00
Circle H Contractors, LP	\$49,972.50

Mr. Bailey reported the Engineering Firm of Birkhoff, Hendricks & Conway, L.L.P., reviewed the bids and recommended the City accept the bid of Fox Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$36,126.25. He noted the funds are available for this project in the 2007 Sewer Bond Funds.

Councilman Joe Jenkins moved to award the bid for a sanitary sewer line on Patrick Street north of Water Street at Patrick Street intersection to Fox Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$36,126.25. Councilman Chuck Beatty seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mr. Anthony Mottla, Architect for the MKT Depot project, reported in December 2009, he presented plans to the Depot Committee and City Staff for their review and comments. He noted the City will advertise for bids, and hopefully have a contractor selected in mid March.

City Manager Paul Stevens requested authorization from City Council for City Staff to proceed with requesting bids for the restoration/renovation of the MKT Depot.

Councilman Joe Jenkins moved to authorize City Staff to proceed with requesting bids for the restoration/renovation work of the MKT Depot. Councilman Chuck Beatty seconded, **All Ayes.**

City Attorney Steve Chapman addressed questions brought up on the Mid-Way Regional Airport Revised Rules and Regulations. He reported that Attorney Don Stout and himself reviewed the rules and regulations and submitted questions to Mr. Bill Gunn with TxDot Aviation Division. Mr. Chapman noted, in Mr. Gunn's report, that as written, the rules do not jeopardize the airport's good standing and compliance with the TxDot Aviation Division. Mr. Chapman noted it is the opinion of Mr. Stout and himself that the revised Mid-Way Regional Airport Rules and Regulations are in good order and in compliance with FAA and TxDot Aviation Division requirements.

Councilman John Wray moved to accept the opinion of Attorney's Don Stout and Steve Chapman regarding Mid-Way Regional Airport Revised Rules and Regulations. Councilman Joe Jenkins seconded, **All Ayes.**

CITIZENS' PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Chamber of Commerce President Debra Wakeland invited everyone to visit the Chamber's new website.

Mr. David Guinyard, Joshua Chapel Church, announced his church is making preparation of the Martin Luther King festivities. At 3:30 p.m. the parade will commence at the Courthouse and will end at Freedman Memorial Park. He asked for police and fire support during the parade. City Manager Paul Stevens noted he will work with City Staff to assist in coordinating the parade.

Assistant City Attorney Jim Chapman announced he will be running for Ellis County Court at Law No. 1 and Councilman John Wray will be serving as his campaign treasurer.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER

Assistant City Manager Michael Scott announced groundbreaking at Mid-Way Regional Airport will be on Friday, January 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Chuck Beatty invited everyone to attend the Martin Luther King parade on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Public Relations Manager Amy Hollywood announced Waxahachie 101 will begin on Thursday, January 7, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary