

City Council
May 17, 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, May 17, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: N.B. "Buck" Jordan, Mayor
John Wray, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilman
Kevin Strength, Councilman

Council Member Absent: Mark Singleton, Councilman

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

Mayor Buck Jordan called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Chuck Beatty introduced Mr. Walter Johnson as the Honorary Councilmember for the month of May and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as the Honorary Councilmember.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 3, 2010
- b. Minutes of the special City Council meeting of May 11, 2010
- c. Monthly Building Report for April 2010
- d. Monthly Code Enforcement Report for April 2010
- e. Monthly Violation Activity Statistics for April 2010
- f. Monthly Fire and EMS Report for February, March and April 2010
- g. Monthly Nicholas P. Sims Library Report for April 2010
- h. Approve parade route for the 13th Annual Crape Myrtle Festival hosted by the Chamber of Commerce
- i. Approve Crape Myrtle Fireworks display hosted by the Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Chuck Beatty moved to approve Items a. through i. on the Consent Agenda.
Councilman Kevin Strength seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mayor Buck Jordan read a Proclamation proclaiming Crape Myrtle Month from June 4, 2010 to July 4 2010 and presented it to Mrs. Bonney Ramsey and Ms. Nancy Hightower representing the Crape Myrtle Festival.

Mr. Scott Otto, President of the Neighborhood Vitalization Corporation, reported the Corporation has been formed as a nonprofit entity to provide housing for low and moderate income families that live in the City. Mr. Otto requested, on behalf of the Corporation, for the City of Waxahachie to provide a \$75,000.00 low interest loan to help with operating expenses and grant writing funding.

Mr. James Gleeson, Developer for the Neighborhood Vitalization Corporation, presented a slide presentation of projects currently under the Corporation's consideration as follows:

- Home Buyer Education and Credit Counseling Program
- Elderly Reconstruction Homes
- Rental Assistance Program
- Housing for Special Needs
- Eastside Retirement Facility
- MLK-Main Street Revitalization Program
- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Work Force Training Program
- Transportation Program
- Pride in the Community

Mayor Pro Tem John Wray noted the city will need an assurance in getting the funds back and stated he's not sure the City is in the business of loaning money for operating funds. He suggested the City get more details in how to recover the funds, a strategy plan from the Corporation with specifics of the fund use and explore the possibility of deeding strike off properties.

Councilman Chuck Beatty concurred with Mr. Wray and noted the City needs to review ways to assist the Corporation in trying to re-grow our city which would be an increase to the tax base.

City Manager Paul Stevens noted Staff can research properties, and the City Attorney can research on loaning funds. He noted the City is currently working with a consultant for first time homebuyers and recommended the consultant meet with the Corporation on grant funds.

Bishop Davis, President of IMA, noted the program is good and the churches and pastors located on the East side of the city need this to make citizens feel good about themselves. He noted the IMA supports the Neighborhood Vitalization Corporation.

Consensus of the Council is to have City Staff review the request and bring back options to the City Council meeting of June 7, 2010.

Director of Public Works, Jeff Chambers, presented a Consultant Services Agreement for engineering services for the Indian Hills and College Hills Alley Replacement Project. He reported the engineering services are for the reconstruction of three alleys. In Indian Hills, the alley to the West of Hacienda Drive and the Alley to the West of Sagebrush Drive/Chieftain Drive will be replaced. In College Hills the alley to the Southeast of Auburn Street will be replaced. The engineering service is with Binkley and Barfield, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 250, Plano, Texas for a lump sum amount of \$31,500.00.

Mayor Pro Tem John Wray moved to approve the contract with Binkley and Barfield for professional services for engineering related to the replacement of alleys in Indian Hills and College Hills for a lump sum of \$31,500.00. Councilman Chuck Beatty seconded, **All Ayes.**

Director of Public Works, Jeff Chambers, presented a current street selection list for the 2010 Street Rehab Program as follows:

<u>Street Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Total Project Budget</u>
Harrington Road	Lake St.	Hunter's Cove	82,658.20
Waterfront Drive	Harrington Road	End at Lake	39,755.00
Dollar Court	Lakeshore Drive	End	52,302.36
Willow Crest Drive	Lakeshore Drive	End	37,606.14
Brookside Road West	IH35 E. R.O.W.	Around Bend North	22,899.87
		Total	\$235,221.55

Mr. Chambers reported there is currently \$240,000 in the annual budget for this work.

Councilman Chuck Beatty moved to approve the 2010 Street Rehab Program as presented. Councilman Kevin Strength seconded. **All Ayes.**

Fire Chief David Hudgins presented a Service Agreement between the City and Ellis County Emergency Service District #6 to provide emergency firefighting response outside the city limits. He explained District #6 is having respond issues north of the city and approached the city about contracting this area. Chief Hudgins presented a map depicting the areas covered under this agreement. The District agrees to pay the amount of \$12,000 per year to the City. This includes one fire truck and the city will send the appropriate engine only if the city can release the truck. Once the fire truck arrives on scene the city will maintain command. The Battalion Chief will make the determination if the apparatus can be released.

Mayor Pro Tem John Wray moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Ellis County Emergency Service District #6 and the City of Waxahachie in the amount of \$12,000 per year. Councilman Kevin Strength seconded, **All Ayes.**

City Manager Paul Stevens presented a land exchange between Mr. Ladd Vien and the City. He reported Mr. Vien owns property south of the MKT Depot which is continuous with property the City owns. The city owns a strip of property off of Brown Street which ties into access to Mr. Veins' property. Mr. Stevens explained, with the exchange of property, the city will maintain access for water and sewer on the strip of land off Brown Street which will be a city easement. He noted the property exchange will be good for both parties.

Councilman Chuck Beatty moved to approve the land exchange between Ladd Vien and the City of Waxahachie as presented. Mayor Pro Tem John Wray seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mayor Buck Jordan and Council briefly discussed the appointments of City Council Members to various Boards and Commissions. After further discussion Mayor Jordan announced the Council would bring this item back to the City Council meeting of June 7, 2010 for consideration.

City Manager Paul Stevens reviewed dates for the City Council Work Session to be held in June. After a brief discussion, the Council set the Work Session to be held at the Waxahachie Civic Center on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS AND REQUEST

Planning Director Clyde Melick referred to the 2010 Population Estimates from the North Central Texas Council of Governments in the Council Agenda and reported the City of Waxahachie's population has surpassed 31,000 with a growth rate of 4.01%. Mr. Melick announced the Training Seminar on the roles and responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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

Assistant City Manager Michael Scott announced the City has officially taken over the parking garage and will be open this weekend for the downtown events. He noted a ribbon cutting ceremony will be the first part of June. Mr. Scott reported the MKT Depot is continuing to progress.

Councilman Chuck Beatty thanked Mr. Walter Johnson for participating in the Honorary Council Member Program.

Mayor Jordan and Mayor Pro Tem Wray welcomed Councilman Kevin Strength to the City Council.

City Manager Paul Stevens reported the 2010 Population Estimates from the North Central Texas Council of Governments reflects Waxahachie had the highest growth rate in Ellis County. He reported the Lions Club Mini Grand Prix event this past weekend was successful; the Rotary Club did an outstanding job this past weekend cleaning up a property and assisting a resident with home repairs. He announced the Farmers Market will open on May 22nd with downtown activities.

Councilman Kevin Strength, in reviewing old city records, Mayor Jordan and City Attorney Steve Chapman were involved in 1969 in a study for a City Charter. He reported when the Charter was adopted in 1972, his mother, Linda Strength was the City Secretary.

Mayor Buck Jordan thanked the Council for allowing him to be Mayor and noted it's an honor and pleasure to serve in this capacity.

Community Relations Manager Amy Hollywood announced WFAA television visited the city today and did a report on GM posting profits. They interviewed Mr. Paul Stevens about the growth and impact of the city, which was good coverage for the City.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary