

City Council
August 2, 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, August 2, 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
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 and Councilman Chuck Beatty gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 19, 2010
- b. Minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of July 20, 2010
- c. Minutes of the City Council work session of July 22, 2010
- d. Minutes of the Waxahachie Senior Center Advisory Board of April 14, 2010 and June 23, 2010
- e. Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with TML

Councilman Chuck Beatty moved to approve Items a. through e. on the Consent Agenda.
Councilman Mark Singleton seconded, **All Ayes.**

SFC Tonja Diaz, Army Manager for the Waxahachie Armory, requested permission to hold a "Waxahachie Troop Salute" parade honoring all soldiers the Waxahachie Armory has supported that have served in the past and recent wars. She requested the parade to be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., starting at Getzendaner Park, traveling down Grand Avenue and ending at the Armory. She requested police assistance with traffic control and the Police and/or Fire Departments assistance with train control. SFC Diaz announced, once at the Armory there will be a meet and greet with the soldiers, fingerprinting for children and additional activities.

City Manager Paul Stevens noted he supports the parade to honor our soldiers and reported some members of the Police Department and Fire Department will be participating in activities in other cities on September 11th. He noted, with Council's permission, he will contact the Railroad for temporary closure and visit with the Police and Fire Departments for support.

Mayor Pro Tem John Wray moved to authorize Staff to assist SFC Tonja Diaz with street closures for the "Soldier Salute Parade". Councilman Kevin Strength seconded, **All Ayes.**

Councilman Kevin Strength introduced the Honorary Council Members for the month of August. He introduced Mac Tekell, Luke Wilson, Gunther Strength and Kyle Yates and announced they are members of the Waxahachie Junior Varsity Golf Team. He noted their hopes are to one day, during their senior year, win the State Championship.

Mrs. Becky Kaufmann, Chairman, Heritage Preservation Commission, reported the Commission is a stable group made up of professionals who oversee the overlay of the Central Business

District. She noted the Commission has been working on design guidelines for several years and recently received some financial support from Historic Waxahachie, Inc. Mrs. Kaufmann noted the Commission would like to hire the consulting services of Norie Winter to write the rules and regulations at a fee of \$40,000. She noted the Commission can offer \$25,000 to the writing of the guidelines and asked Council to consider providing the remainder with hotel/motel tax.

No Action Taken.

City Manager Paul Stevens noted when Saddlebrook Estates was developed the Public Improvement District was also founded there as well, which actually, is an extra cost to homeowners for certain improvements in that subdivision. He noted it is getting to the point to where they are now ready to issue some the bonds to pay back some of that cost.

Mr. Kirk Wilson, representing the Developer, Centurian American Development Group, reported in 2007 the City created the Public Improvement District and put a levy in place. He explained it is an assessment that people pay over and above their city and county tax and school district tax and that assessment is in place now. He noted the issuance of bonds is approximately 1.3 million, which is only against the first 209 lots. Mr. Wilson reported the Development Group has a good underwriter that can place the sale and would like to move forward with the City and their financial team to try to put those bonds out by September 30, 2010.

Downtown Director Anita Williamson presented a Farmer's Market Report noting the Farmer's Market is in its 8th year of operation. She reported the season started with 18 vendors and now has 25 vendors. She noted the first ten weeks in 2009, vendors reported total sales of \$67,631.41 and this year, the first ten weeks have reported sales in the amount of \$75,306.63. Mrs. Williamson noted the Farmer's Market continues to be valued and patronized by our citizens.

Director of Environmental Health, Sonny Wilson, discussed residential solid waste services and reviewed solid waste options. He reviewed options such as changing from bag collection twice per week to poly-cart collection once per week and recycling options such as reducing waste stream by limiting solid waste collection and increase recycling collection. He noted there are numerous options for residential solid waste services and explained the more services that are provided the higher the cost per residence.

Director of Environmental Health, Sonny Wilson, announced bids for 400,000 garbage bags were opened Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The bid tabulations are as follows:

All American Poly	\$39,520.00
Central Poly Corp.	\$37,120.00
Dyna-Pak Co.	\$35,120.00
Hogan's Paper Co.	\$37,120.00
Interboro Packaging Corp.	\$51,840.00A
Interboro Packaging Corp.	\$42,720.00B
Interboro Packaging Corp.	\$35,840.00C
Interboro Packaging Corp.	\$29,920.00D
Interboro Packaging Corp.	\$27,840.00E
Liner Lady c/o: Jadcore Inc.	\$32,640.00
Star Poly	\$47,440.00
Unipak Corp.	\$36,000.00

Mr. Wilson reported the "D" and "E" bids from Interboro Packaging Corp. did not meet the bid specifications. He noted Liner Lady LLC c/o: Jadcore had the best quality bags that meet the City's specifications with a cost breakdown of \$0.0816 per bag totaling \$4.08 per box. Mr. Wilson recommended awarding the contract to Liner Lady c/o: Jadcore, Inc. in the amount of \$32,640.00.

After a brief discussion Councilman Chuck Beatty moved to award the bid for 400,000 garbage bags to Liner Lady c/o: Jadcore, Inc. in the amount of \$32,640.00. Councilman Kevin Strength seconded, **All Ayes.**

City Manager Paul Stevens reported on the current fiscal year general fund budget and noted due to some increased revenues and expenditures coming in lower than anticipated, we won't have to use the fund balance. He noted we estimated to finish with \$230,000 in additional revenue for the year. Mr. Stevens recommended using the additional revenue to purchase four (4) police patrol cars and two (2) SUVs for the Fire Department. He noted the City normally purchases six (6) new police vehicles per year and it's been three (3) years since we bought any police vehicles. He noted the two (2) fire vehicles are sixteen years old and twelve years old and need to be replaced.

He presented an Ordinance to amend the current year budget to allow Staff to make the expenditures out of the 2009-2010 budget.

Councilman Kevin Strength moved to table approval for further consideration. After further discussion, there was no second. **The motion died due to lack of second.**

Councilman Kevin Strength explained the reason he moved to table the issue was due to the \$230,000 in surplus and felt one reason for the surplus was due to the employee's furloughs. He noted we are purchasing these vehicles with city workers money and with a healthy fund balance these vehicles can be purchased with the fund balance. He noted over the past three years the employees haven't had any raises and the proposed insurance policy will cut employee's insurance even more. Basically what we are doing with the furlough money is buying police and fire vehicles and turn-around and cut the insurance at the same time. Councilman Strength noted we haven't come to the end of the budget, so we don't really know what we have yet and shouldn't make a decision at this time.

After further discussion, Councilman Kevin Strength moved to table approving the Ordinance as presented. Councilman Chuck Beatty seconded, the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Buck Jordan
 Chuck Beatty
 Kevin Strength

Noes: John Wray
 Mark Singleton

Abstained: None

The motion carried.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Mayor Jordan welcomed Ms. Nancy Ross, former City Secretary, to the meeting.

Three young ladies, members of the Teen Advisor Board, asked City Council not to cut funds to the Library. They stated they utilize the Library for school research and noted the ladies at the library are their mentors.

Ms. Jennifer Heiser, 208 Patrick St., asked City Council not to cut funds to the Library. She noted a lot goes on at the Library and invited the Council to visit the Library.

Mr. Paul Hernandez, Oncor Electric, announced Oncor had their Mobile Experience at Lowes recently to educate the public about smart meters. He noted Oncor will start deployment to Ellis County and replace meters with the smart meter.

Ms. Kim Boughman from the audience noted, as an educator, the Library is utilized and is an excellent Library. She noted as a town we must support what educates our citizens.

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

City Manager Paul Stevens noted the City, in conjunction with the WISD, applied for a grant through TxDot to construct a pedestrian connection at Farley Street and the 287 Bypass and were contacted Friday that the City received the grant. He noted Waxahachie was ranked tenth out of fifty-four cities that applied.

Public Relations Manager Amy Hollywood announced on Thursday, August 5, 2010, the Civic Center is hosting "Celebrate Waxahachie" from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The Celebration will also include 10 years of the Civic Center, 160 years since the City was incorporated and 125 years of WISD.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary