

City Council  
September 1, 2017

A special 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 Friday, September 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Council Members Present: Kevin Strength, Mayor  
Mark Singleton, Mayor Pro Tem  
Chuck Beatty, Councilmember  
Mary Lou Shipley, Councilmember

Council Member Absent: David Hill, Councilmember

Others Present: Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager  
Robert Brown, City Attorney  
Lori Saunders, City Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Strength called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Texas Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Mary Lou Shipley gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Public Comments:**

Mr. Coy Sevier expressed his support for Michael Scott noting appointing anyone else as Interim City Manager will be a great mistake. Mr. Scott is aware of the players for the city, city projects and can keep the city on track at this point. He expressed concern regarding the removal of the City Manager. He noted the council spent over \$330,000 of taxpayer's money to get rid of a man who didn't want to leave his job. He explained the perception of the City Manager's firing was stemmed from councilmembers being told "no" and councilmembers not liking being told not to talk to the department managers directly and the foreclosing of the Texas Theater. He explained the perception to the public is retaliation on city staff. Mr. Sevier also expressed concern with financially involved Councilmembers voting on ordinances, zoning requests, and criticizing fire and safety rules currently in place noting it is a mistake of law and a mistake of character. He announced he has information regarding a Recall if anyone is interested.

Mr. Mike Ramsey, 42-year resident of Waxahachie, thanked council for their leadership in bringing this town to a prideful position and pride and envy throughout the Metroplex. He commended them for the increased development in the past 3-4 years: the new highway system, hospital, and the new high school. He thanked the council on behalf of him and his wife.

Ms. Janet Williams Leon, a sixth generation from Waxahachie showed support for City Council and noted she is proud to be back in Waxahachie.

Ms. Paula Baucum stated she is present to support Mr. Michael Scott as Interim City Manager noting he cares about the success of this community. She mentioned she has worked with a lot of people over the years, but has never worked with someone that had so much integrity, never raises his voice, honorable, caring, and will stand up for what is right. She noted Mr. Scott will function perfectly as the Interim City Manager and would like council to consider him for City Manager to lead Waxahachie. She spoke to each Councilmember noting we are all connected and their decisions don't just affect Waxahachie but the region. She challenged them to look for input from the stakeholders of the community and citizens.

**6. Convene into Executive Session to consider specific personnel matters – Interim City Manager as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 and seek legal advice from City Attorney on personnel matters – Interim City Manager as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071**

Mayor Strength announced at 10:15 a.m. the City Council would convene into Executive Session to consider specific personnel matters – Interim City Manager, as permitted by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 and to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on personnel matters – Interim City Manager as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071.

**7. Reconvene and take any necessary action**

The meeting reconvened at 11:59 a.m. Mayor Strength announced discussion was held and there will be no action today. He stated City Council has the upmost confidence in Mr. Michael Scott to keep things moving and Council does not want to rush the process.

**8. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager**

None

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders  
City Secretary