

City Council
January 16, 2018

A briefing session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas, on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Robert Brown, City Attorney
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kevin Strength called the meeting to order.

2. Conduct a briefing to discuss items for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting

City Manager Michael Scott introduced the city's new Assistant Utilities Director, Mr. Richard Abernathy, who came from the City of Dallas. Ms. Scott reviewed the consent agenda including the taxicab renewal for Boppalong Tours. He also noted the honorary councilmember is in attendance and there will be a marketing award presentation.

Shon Brooks, Director of Planning, reviewed the planning and zoning items on the agenda. He reported FP-17-0163 is not on the consent agenda because the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial per Staff Comments because the property doesn't meet the required fire protection as required in the city's subdivision ordinance. Mr. Brooks noted it is the council's discretion to approve or deny the plat. Mr. Scott noted the property is in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and the county commissioner's court will have the final decision on the approval. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Singleton expressed his objection to the city pushing its rules and regulations to property not in our city limits. City Attorney Robert Brown explained the subdivision ordinance can be rewritten to include language allowing a waiver or applicants can just present their case to council for a variance.

Mr. Brooks reviewed the proposed shingle ordinance that will require a laminated, three-dimensional appearance composition architectural shingles (30 year minimum) on all new and existing homes who need roof replacement from this point forward. Mr. Tommy Ludwig, Executive Director of Development Services, noted council can set an effective date for this ordinance so that it doesn't interfere with those who have already started the process of roofing a home.

Parks and Recreation Director John Smith reviewed the proposed camping ordinance noting it will provide some guidelines for those who want to stay overnight at city parks and the lake.

Mr. Stuart Shaw, Bonner Carrington, called in to present an overview of the proposed Mariposa Apartment Homes to be located at the northwest quadrant of Post Oak Drive and US 287 for seniors 55 and up. He noted council support is needed to apply for state funding. Mayor Pro Tem Singleton clarified that the letter of support means that council agrees that this project is right for the community. Mr. Shaw explained the tax credits will make it affordable housing for the seniors. Mayor Strength inquired about ownership and Mr. Shaw noted he could only guarantee the plan is to own the property forever.

Mr. Ludwig noted the city went out for bid for the construction of a utility building at 301 Clift Street and the Nay Company was the sole bidder. In reviewing the bid, the cost was above the budgeted amount so the scope of the work was reduced to stay within budget. The projected completion date is by October 1, 2018.

Chief Wade Goolsby explained the proposed agreement for magistrate services is to continue the process of having a judge review DUI search warrants at any time.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary