

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee to be held on ***Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.*** in the Mean Green Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members: Madeline Bracken, Chairman
Julie Mendenhall, Vice Chairman
Polly Williams
Jesse Gibson
Brent Gundert
Forrest John
Andrew Weyand

Ex-Officio: Kevin Strength, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce

1. Call to Order
2. ***Public Comments:*** Persons may address the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Committee on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
3. Reorganize the Committee
4. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of August 8, 2024
5. Hear update on Cleanup Closet
6. Discuss and consider Fall Cleanup event
7. Discuss and consider Fall Tree Give Away
8. Discuss and consider PIN award guidelines
9. Adjourn

The Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee reserves the right to go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from legal counsel on any agenda item listed herein. This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. Parking for mobility-impaired persons is available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call the City Secretary at 469-309-4006 or (TDD) 1-800-RELAY TX

Notice of Potential Quorum

***One or more members of the Waxahachie City Council may be present at this meeting.
No action will be taken by the City Council at this meeting.***

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Members Present: Madeline Bracken, Chairman
Julie Mendenhall, Vice Chairman
Polly Williams
Jesse Gibson
Brent Gundert

Members Absent: Ron Cox
Kimberly Cooper

Others Present: Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brad Barnes, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Yadira Campos, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chairman Madeline Bracken called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

Forrest John shared with the board the increasing issue of litter in the federal side and the low side. He shared in the TCEQ Stormwater Permit there is an option to include trash and advice the committee to look into that. He also stated in the April meeting minutes there was a code enforcement member who was interested in partnering with the committee but does not see him attending and asked is there is a partnership established with code and Keep Waxahachie Beautiful committee. He also stated for the PIN nomination that he has sat through he noticed there isn't really a clear process with metrics and scoring when it came to nominating a home. He stated this may be something the committee can look into in changing coming from an observer.

3. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of June 6, 2024

Action:

Polly Williams moved to approve the minutes of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting of June 6, 2024. Motion was seconded by Jesse Gibson and carried unanimously (5-0).

4. Introduction of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee Members

Madeline Bracken asked the committee members to introduce themselves and share what interest them to join the board.

Committee member Ms. Williams introduced herself and shared she was asked to join the board along with Jesse Gibson back in 2013 and has been a part of the board since then. She shared she loved to be connected.

Committee member Brent Gundert introduced himself and shared he joined the board because when he moved into Waxahachie he saw there was a lot of litter along the freeways and he wanted to help in anyway he can and join any groups that were interested in litter cleanups.

Committee member Jesse Gibson introduced himself and shared he joined the board because when he first joined the committee he saw and still sees a great need of litter clean up at the entrance ways into Waxahachie. He shared it is really important how the entrances look because it represents Waxahachie.

Committee member Julie Mendenhall introduced herself and shared she joined the board because she always had pride in Waxahachie and came across KWBC that showed pride and decided to join to help in any way she can.

5. Discuss and consider Cleanup Closet event

The Item was presented by Ms. Bracken. She shared there has recently been two cleanups done by a youth group and a company. These groups were able to utilize the cleaning supplies and tools of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful. She stated the Cleanup Closet is for groups who are wanting to have a cleanup outside of a scheduled KWBC clean ups and may not have recourses. The closet would allow the groups who are interested in having a cleanup borrow KWB supplies and tools.

Action:

Polly Williams moved to approve the Cleanup Closet. Motion was seconded by Brent Gundert and carried unanimously (5-0).

6. Discuss and consider Fall Cleanup event

The Item was presented by Ms. Bracken. The board discussed on finalizing the Fall Cleanup event date. The board agreed on November 2nd.

Ms. Bracken shared on August 21st there is a Fall Sweep Conference call for any committee members who wanted to join.

Mr. Gibson asked if there will be a fall Dumpster Day. Kyle Cooper, Senior Director of Parks & Recreation, stated there is only one Dumpster Day in the spring. He shared in the fall KWB has the Tree Give Away.

7. Discuss and consider Our Texas, Our Future grants

The Item was presented by Ms. Bracken. She presented Our Texas, Our Future grants and also other grants like Fall Sweep grant and Arbor Day Foundation Grant. She shared with the board that there are many grants that the committee can apply and get extra funding for their cleanups and events like Tree Give Away or Dumpster Day. Mr. Cooper shared with the committee to look into the record keeping requirements of these grants before applying for them. The committee further discussed and will be looking into applying for the Arbor Day Foundation Grant.

8. Discuss and consider PIN Award

The Item was presented by Mr. Cooper. He shared the PIN award is a quarterly award and the committee must submit their nominations prior to the meeting so it can be ready to be presented. He also stated the committee needs to come up a set process and possibly come up with a score card with different criteria.

Ms. Williams shared the PIN award use to be presented at council. Mr. Cooper stated he is not opposed to the committee presenting it at council but there needs to be a clearer process of how the PIN award is awarded. Ms. Bracken stated this may be something the community can also get involved and submit their nomination for review. The committee further discussed. The committee will bring their ideas for a PIN Award scoring card to discuss and agree on in the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos
Administrative Coordinator