

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee to be held on ***Thursday, December 5, 2024*** at ***4:30 p.m.*** in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members: Madeline Bracken, Chairman
Brent Gundert, Vice Chairman
Polly Williams
Jesse Gibson
Julie Mendenhall
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. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of October 3, 2024
4. Hear “Year in Review” presentation
5. Hear presentation from Horticulturist Chris Seale
6. Discuss and consider 2025 Spring and Fall Cleanup dates
7. Discuss the Governor’s Community Achievement Award application process
8. Discuss Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee direction for 2025
9. Discuss Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Budget and promotional items
10. Discuss and consider requirements for the Pride in Neighborhood (PIN) Program
11. 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
Brent Gundert, Vice Chairman
Polly Williams
Jesse Gibson
Brent Gundert
Forrest John

Member Absent: Andrew Weyand

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

Chris Wright, Mayor Pro Tem, welcomed new committee members, Forrest John and Andrew Weyand. He explained he is not the liaison for the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee, but he wanted to thank members for volunteering their time and their comments during Committee meetings.

3. Reorganize the Committee

Action:

Polly Williams made a motion to nominate Madeline Bracken as Chairman. Motion was seconded by Forrest John and carried unanimously (5-0).

Madeline Bracken made a motion to nominate Brent Gundert as Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by Forrest John and carried unanimously (5-0).

4. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of August 8, 2024

Action:

Madeline Bracken moved to approve the minutes of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting of August 8, 2024. Motion was seconded by Brent Gundert and carried unanimously (5-0).

5. Hear update on Cleanup Closet

The Item was presented by Chairman Bracken. She shared the Cleanup Closet was officially

finalized at the last meeting and three (3) groups have utilized the cleanup tools. Two (2) groups have requested to utilize the cleanup tools for their cleanup event. There is a homeschool group with 60 members that will be utilizing the Cleanup Closet in November and another 24-person organization that are currently coordinating the time of their cleanup. She stated the Cleanup Closet is something that people are taking advantage of, which is wonderful to see that KWB efforts are being amplified even when we are not personally involved with every cleanup. She also shared that she is having a challenge finding places for the groups to clean and asked the committee to share recommendations.

{Jesse Gibson arrived}

Forrest John recommended the committee contacting Code Enforcement for recommendations. Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated he will contact Code Enforcement to identify public areas in need of cleanups.

Ms. Bracken mentioned that the Cleanup Closet was featured in two newspapers, both of which published articles about it. She also noted that Keep Texas Beautiful is enthusiastic about the program, and she plans to meet with them to help replicate it as one of their initiatives.

Mr. John inquired whether the cleanups involve only trash collection or if they also include cutting grass or picking up branches. Ms. Bracken clarified that the Cleanup Closet's equipment is exclusively for trash cleanup. While larger items like shopping carts and tires have been collected during cleanups, the current focus of the Cleanup Closet is solely on garbage. Mr. Gibson then asked who is responsible for collecting the trash after the cleanups. Ms. Bracken replied that Code Enforcement has agreed to pick up the trash as long as it is not on Parks property.

6. Discuss and consider Fall Cleanup event

The Item was presented by Chairman Bracken. She announced that the Fall Cleanup is scheduled for November 2, 2024. She mentioned that Mr. Gibson had identified an area in town that needs attention and asked him which location he was considering. Mr. Gibson replied that the entryways to Waxahachie require cleaning, specifically the entrance off Cleaver Road that leads into Wyatt Street near the fire station. The Committee discussed this further and agreed to hold the cleanup in that area. Mr. Cooper stated he would contact the Fire Chief to ensure there are no issues with the committee meeting at the fire station for this event. Mr. John requested that the staff post the cleanup on the City of Waxahachie's calendar.

Ms. Bracken requested to add discussion of SWAG items to the next meeting agenda.

7. Discuss and consider Fall Tree Give Away

The Item was presented by Ms. Bracken. Mr. Cooper requested approval of the Fall Tree Give Away utilizing Keep Waxahachie Beautiful (KWB) funding. Ms. Bracken shared with the Committee the date for the Fall Tree Give Away will be on November 2, 2024 at the Waxahachie Farmers Market.

Action:

Polly Williams moved to approve the Fall Tree Give Away. Motion was seconded by Forrest John and carried unanimously (5-0).

8. Discuss and consider PIN award guidelines

The Item was presented by Ms. Bracken and she presented the PIN award scoring sheet she created to the Committee. The Committee discussed it further and decided to continue refining the scoring sheet.

Mr. John requested that the scoring sheet be included with the minutes so that the public can review what was presented.

Ms. Bracken also shared her nomination for the PIN award, stating that the property is located at 224 Country Meadows, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

Mr. John asked if staff could add an agenda item for the next meeting to review the KWB 2025 calendar. The Committee also requested that the PIN award nomination be added to the council agenda.

It was the general consensus of the Committee to approve the PIN Award nomination for 224 Country Meadows, Waxahachie, Texas.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos

Administrative Coordinator