

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee (KWBC) to be held on **Thursday, October 2, 2025** 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
Julie Mendenhall
Forrest John
Andrew Weyand
Austin Mauldin

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 Board
4. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of September 4, 2025
5. Discuss and consider the City's recycling program and discuss expanding recycling services at the Citizen Convenience Station
6. Discuss and consider Fall Cleanup event
7. Discuss and consider the Texas Arbor Day coloring contest for students in grades 3-5
8. Discuss, review, and consider Governor's Community Achievement Award
9. Discuss and consider Christmas Parade participation
10. Discuss and consider Pride in Neighborhood (PIN) Award nominations
11. Set next meeting date and time
12. 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

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

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 ADA Coordinator at (469) 309-4000 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.

Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee
September 4, 2025

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Members Present: Madeline Bracken, Chair
Brent Gundert, Vice Chair
Polly Williams
Forrest John

Members Absent: Jesse Gibson
Julie Mendenhall
Andrew Weyand

Ex-Officio
Member Absent: Kevin Strength, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce

Others Present: Kyle Cooper, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brad Barnes, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Morgan Massey, Administrative Coordinator
Travis Smith, City Council Liaison

1. Call to Order

Chair Madeline Bracken called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of June 5, 2025

Action:

Polly Williams moved to approve the minutes of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting of June 5, 2025 as presented. Motion was seconded by Brent Gundert and carried unanimously (4-0).

4. Discuss and consider potential recycling program

Chair Bracken presented information on the Keep Texas Beautiful Recycling Grant, which offers funding opportunities ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000. A general discussion followed regarding potential uses for the grant, if awarded. Council Member Travis Smith suggested that the funds could be used to develop and distribute educational materials to promote recycling awareness.

Shon Brooks, Executive Director of Development Services, was present to answer questions related to the City of Waxahachie's current recycling contract with Waste Management. After discussion, it was agreed to place the item on the October agenda for further consideration.

No action taken.

5. Hear update on KWBC events from January 2025 to current

Chair Bracken provided an update on the 9/11 Back-to-School Touch-a-Truck event. Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee (KWBC) participated by handing out wildflower seed packets, Keep Texas Beautiful educational materials, and stickers to attendees.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Brad Barnes gave an update on a cleanup event held in partnership with The Oak Church.

6. Discuss and consider Pride in Neighborhood (PIN) Award nominations

Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services, submitted a nomination for the Pride in Neighborhood (PIN) Award for the property located at 518 Cottonview Drive. This was the only nomination received for the current quarter. KWBC Members reviewed photos of the nominated property.

Action:

Madeline Bracken moved to award the Pride in Neighborhood Award to the property owners of 518 Cottonview Drive, Waxahachie, Texas. Motion was seconded by Polly Williams and carried unanimously (4-0).

7. Discuss and consider Our Texas, Our Future grant and Nicholas P. Sims Pollinator Garden

Chair Bracken presented an educational brochure on pollinator gardens to KWBC members and introduced the opportunity for a new pollinator garden project at the Nicholas P. Sims Library. She shared that a grant application for the project was submitted by the Master Naturalists. Additionally, a local landscape company has volunteered to assist with the project. The garden will feature 100% native Texas plants.

Chair Bracken requested KWBC members to volunteer with planting and creating the garden.

Action:

Brent Gundert moved to approve KWBC's participation in the project and assist in promoting the initiative. Motion was seconded by Polly Williams and carried unanimously (4-0).

8. Discuss and consider Fall Sweep Cleanup and event planning

Potential dates were discussed for the Fall Sweep Cleanup. The idea of partnering with the Parks Department during *Crossroads of Texas Go Texas Country Festival* on October 25th to assist with litter and trash control during the event was presented.

Action:

Madeline Bracken moved to approve this year's Fall Cleanup in conjunction with the Crossroads Festival. Motion was seconded by Polly Williams and carried unanimously (4-0).

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9. Discuss and consider Keep Texas Beautiful Training on September 10, 2025

Chair Bracken informed the Committee that Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) will be hosting a training session on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center Street, Arlington, TX 76104. No formal action was taken, but members were encouraged to consider attending.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Massey
Administrative Coordinator