

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee (KWBC) to be held on **Thursday, November 6, 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. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of October 2, 2025
4. Hear update on year to date KWBC events
5. Hear update on Our Texas, Our Future Grant
6. Discuss continuing education opportunities for KWBC members
7. Discuss and consider the City's recycling program and discuss expanding recycling services at the Citizen Convenience Station
8. Discuss and consider the Texas Arbor Day coloring contest for students in grades 3-5
9. Discuss, review, and consider Governor's Community Achievement Award
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.

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Members Present: Madeline Bracken, Chairman
Brent Gundert, Vice Chairman
Forrest John
Austin Mauldin
Andrew Weyand

Members Absent: Polly Williams
Julie Mendenhall

Ex-Officio

Member Absent: Kevin Strength, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce

City Council

Liaison Absent: Travis Smith, City Council Liaison

Others Present: Kyle Cooper, Senior Director of Parks & Recreation
Danielle Guinn, Cultural Arts & Programming Coordinator
Chris Wright, City Council Liaison

1. Call to Order

Chairman Madeline Bracken called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Bracken introduced David Camargo, Young Texan Ambassador for Keep Texas Beautiful. Kyle Cooper, Senior Director of Parks & Recreation, confirmed that this is the first Young Texan Ambassador to attend a Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting.

2. Public Comments

Josh Locke introduced himself and his daughter Hannah Locke stating that they were in attendance as Hannah Locke needed to attend an official city committee meeting as part of a school project.

3. Reorganize the Board

Chairman Bracken explained the need to reorganize the Committee as there was a new Committee member in attendance. Chairman Bracken asked Vice Chairman Brent Gundert if he was interested in continuing to serve as Vice Chairman and he said he would be amenable to assuming the position for the upcoming year. Committee Member Forrest John asked Chairman Bracken if she would be interested in continuing in her current position as Chairman. Chairman Bracken explained that she would be interested but that she would be stepping down as Chairman after this year as she believes a Chairman is ineffective serving past two consecutive terms.

Action:

Madeline Bracken motioned to nominate Brent Gundert as Vice Chairman of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee. Motion was seconded by Forrest John and carried unanimously (5-0).

Action:

Forrest John motioned to nominate Madeline Bracken as Chairman of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee. Motion was seconded by Austin Mauldin and carried unanimously (5-0).

4. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of September 4, 2025

Action:

Brent Gundert moved to approve the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of September 4, 2025. Motion was seconded by Forrest John and carried unanimously (5-0).

5. Discuss and consider the City's recycling program and discuss expanding recycling services at the Citizen Convenience Station

Mr. Cooper shared pricing information for obtaining a recycling container to be placed at the Citizen Convenience Station. Mr. Cooper explained that they would be unable to do it this year as the budget has already been set but that pricing would be as follows: \$100 for the container delivery, \$325 per haul off, \$105 per ton disposal fee, and \$107 monthly rental fee. The Committee asked Mr. Cooper to please contact Waste Connections and ask a representative to come and speak to the Committee at a future meeting. Council Member Chris Wright volunteered to reach out to Richard Rozier as he mentioned he was the one who secured the Waste Connections contract for the City. Chairman Bracken asked Mr. Cooper if it would be acceptable to apply for a grant for \$15,000 to fund this project as a pilot program for Keep Waxahachie Beautiful.

Action:

Forrest John moved to approve the Chairman apply for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to apply specifically towards this Recycling Pilot Program. Motion was seconded by Andrew Weyand and carried unanimously (5-0).

6. Discuss and consider Fall Cleanup event

Chairman Bracken asked Mr. Cooper to digitally display the 2025 Fall Cleanup event flyer. Vice Chairman Gundert noted that he secured complimentary parking at Primera Baptist Church at 118 Kaufman St. for active volunteers during the Fall Cleanup event on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Mr. Cooper and Chairman Bracken explained that there would be a tent on site at a specific location to be determined where they would keep cleanup equipment and vests for volunteers to pick up as needed. Committee Member Andrew Weyand volunteered to create a volunteer pre-registration signup. Chairman Bracken mentioned she would get the sheet from Mr. Weyand and would have it available at the tent on the day of the event. Mr. Cooper mentioned he would send the Committee a copy of the Parks & Recreation zone map. The Committee then discussed which shifts they would each be available to work on October 25, 2025 resulting in the following:

Shift	Committee Volunteer(s)
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Vice Chairman Brent Gundert & Committee Member Austin Mauldin
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Chairman Madeline Bracken
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Committee Member Andrew Weyand
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Committee Member Forrest John

Mr. Weyand requested email addresses from each Committee member. It was suggested to add a QR code to the event poster/flyer linking to the Volunteer Pre-Registration.

7. Discuss and consider the Texas Arbor Day coloring contest for Waxahachie ISD students in grades 3-5

Chairman Bracken showed the Committee the Texas Arbor Day coloring contest sheet. The Committee discussed the process for deciding the winners of the contest which resulted in the decision to have each teacher choose their top three submissions from their class. The Committee would then vote on the submissions selected by the teachers. Chairman Bracken requested that the winners be announced at the November City Council meeting and Mr. Cooper acknowledged that he would get that item on the agenda. As the Committee was speaking about Texas Arbor Day, Mr. Cooper asked the Committee to confirm that they wanted to proceed with the tree giveaway again this year on Saturday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m. at the Farmer's Market.

Action:

Brent Gundert moved to approve moving forward with the Texas Arbor Day coloring contest and the tree giveaway. Motion was seconded by Austin Mauldin and carried unanimously (5-0).

8. Discuss, review, and consider Governor's Community Achievement Award.

Chairman Bracken suggested moving to the next agenda item, as no further information was available regarding the Governor's Community Achievement Award.

9. Discuss and consider Christmas Parade participation.

Mr. Cooper explained that Christmas parade applications had closed the day before, but that Keep Waxahachie Beautiful could piggyback onto the Parks & Recreation entry for the parade. Mr. Cooper went on to explain that the 2025 Christmas parade was implementing higher standards and requirements and that they would need to step up their decorations from previous years.

Action:

Forrest John moved to approve joining the Parks & Recreation Department's parade entry for the 2025 Christmas parade. Motion was seconded by Andrew Weyand and carried unanimously (5-0).

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

Chairman Bracken asked Mr. Cooper to display the PIN Award nominations on the screen. There was only (1) nomination. Mr. John then suggested that they skip the PIN Awards for this meeting as he believed there should be more than (1) nomination. The Board discussed, as they are meeting

more often than in year's past, that they do a PIN Award for December to include houses decorated for Christmas. Vice Chairman Gundert also suggested that the Committee consider a PIN Award in November for houses that were decorated and kept up for the Fall months of October and November as decorations would likely still be up after Halloween. Chairman Bracken explained that anyone could nominate a home to receive a PIN Award, including the public. She went on to mention that the PIN Award nominees could be homes or businesses. Chairman Bracken reminded the Committee that nominations were due to Administrative Coordinator Morgan Massey via email by no later than the Monday preceding the Committee meeting in order to be considered.

11. Set next meeting date and time.

Per the schedule, the Committee discussed setting the next meeting for Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Per the previous discussion about adding PIN Award nominations to December, the Board also discussed having an abbreviated meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Action:

Forrest John moved to adjourn the committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Madeline Bracken and carried unanimously (5-0).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Guinn
Cultural Arts & Programming Coordinator
Waxahachie Convention & Visitors Bureau