

A G E N D A

A regular meeting of the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee (KWBC) to be held on **May 7, 2026 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
Austin Mauldin
Desiree Ramirez

Ex-Officio: Kevin Strength, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce

1. Call to Order
2. **Public Comments:** Persons may address the 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. ***Speakers must observe the three (3) minute time limit.***

In order to be recognized during Public Comments, please complete a Public Appearance Card located at the entrance of the meeting room. Please present the card to the City Secretary, or their designee, ten (10) minutes before the start of the business meeting.
3. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of April 2, 2026
4. Hear update on Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Projects
5. Hear update on Cleanup Closet
6. Discuss Keep Waxahachie Beautiful impact and direction
7. Discuss and review current Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee bylaws and take any necessary action
8. Discuss Composting Grant
9. Hear update on Keep Texas Beautiful Conference being held May 12–14, 2026
10. Set next meeting date and time
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

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
Polly Williams
Julie Mendenhall
Forrest John
Desiree Ramirez

Member Absent: Austin Mauldin

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

City Council
Liaison Present: Travis Smith, City Council Liaison

Others Present: Gumaro Martinez, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider approval of Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of March 5, 2026

Amendments: strike, “expressed support for the project and” on item #4.

Action:

Polly Williams motioned to approve the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee meeting minutes of March 5, 2026 as amended. Motion was seconded by Madeline Bracken and carried unanimously (6-0).

4. Hear update on Keep Texas Beautiful Conference time and location

It was announced that Keep Waxahachie Beautiful achieved Gold Status for the first time in its history, a status beneficial for future grant applications.

Staff will send out a meeting invite to the Virtual Conference.

5. Discuss KWBC Project Updates

Chair Bracken gave an update on the Pollinator Garden, stating that they had over 40 volunteers, and it was featured on the front page of local newspapers. Identification signs have been ordered which will be placed in front of the plants.

The Garden Expo was discussed. Attendance was lighter than the previous year, with most attendees appearing to be from Ellis County rather than the DFW metroplex. Waste Management's presence was valuable for answering resident questions. The Committee agreed to continue participating in the Expo and will invest in branded signage, like a banner, for future events.

April cleanup event was discussed and location assignments made.

{Travis Smith left at 4:41 p.m.}

6. Discuss and consider Composting Grant

Chair Bracken presented a proposed grant program for Keep Waxahachie Beautiful to administer, aimed at placing composters in local schools. A donor has offered to match funds to support the purchase of Aerobin 400 composters (approximately \$200 each for nonprofits). The proposal recommends that the committee allocate \$500, creating a total grant fund of \$1,000 with the matching contribution. Eligible schools would be required to maintain an active gardening club and track composting usage for one year. The vote was deferred until the May meeting to allow time for preparation of a one-page fact sheet. If approved, the grant program would launch in the fall.

No action taken.

7. Review and discuss current Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee bylaws and take any necessary action

Item 7 was tabled until the May 7, 2026 meeting.

No action taken.

8. Review and discuss nominations and award PIN Award

The Committee reviewed several nominated properties for the PIN Award. The award for 104 Mustang Creek Drive will be presented at a May City Council meeting. The presentation for the previous recipient has been rescheduled to the April 20, 2026 City Council meeting. Nominations will not be considered at the May KWBC meeting.

Action:

Polly Williams motioned to award the Pride in Neighborhood Award to the property owners of 104 Mustang Creek Drive. Motion was seconded by Desiree Ramirez and carried unanimously (6-0).

9. Discuss and consider forming a City Partnership Subcommittee

The Committee discussed forming a City Partnership Subcommittee.

No action taken.

10. Set next meeting date and time

The next KWBC meeting will be held May 7, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

11. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator