

A G E N D A

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie to be held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Meeting Rooms A and B, Waxahachie, Texas, on ***September 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.***

Council Members: Billie Wallace, Mayor, Council Member Place 4
Travis Smith, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 5
Tres Atkins, Council Member Place 1
Patrick Souter, Council Member Place 2
Chris Wright, Council Member Place 3

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance
4. ***Public Comments:*** Persons may address the City Council on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Council on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council 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 or during a Public Hearing, please complete a Public Appearance Card located at the entrance of the meeting room. If you would like to speak on more than one Public Hearing item, please submit a separate card for each item. Please present the card(s) to the City Secretary, or their designee, by 5:20 p.m., ten minutes before the start of the 5:30 p.m. business meeting. [Online Public Appearance Cards](#) must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
5. ***Public Hearing*** on the proposed Tax Rate for fiscal year 2026-2027 and announce the date, time, and place for adoption
6. ***Public Hearing*** on the City of Waxahachie proposed Budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 and ***vote*** to set the date, time, and place for adoption
7. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Management
8. Adjourn

The City Council 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.

BUDGET STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 551.043, Government Code: At this meeting the City Council will discuss the FY 2027 Proposed Budget. This budget is accessible on the City's website at <https://www.waxahachietx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3503/FY-2027-Proposed-Budget->. If the FY 2027 Proposed Budget is adopted as it is currently proposed, the median-valued homestead property in the City of Waxahachie is estimated to receive a property tax bill of \$1,915.78 compared to last year's bill of \$1,934.96. If a balanced budget funded at the no-new-revenue tax rate were adopted, that same property would receive a property tax bill of \$1,848.67.

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

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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Chad Tustison, Finance Director

Thru: Ricky Boyd, City Manager *RB*

Date: September 1, 2026

Re: Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Recommended Action: At the conclusion of the hearing, announce the date, time and place of vote on proposed tax rate: "The vote on the proposed tax rate will take place on September 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Waxahachie Civic Center."

Item Summary: As part of the annual budget process, Chapter 26 of the Property Tax Code requires taxing units to comply with truth-in-taxation laws in adopting their tax rates. This item meets the requirement for the City Council to hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate necessary to fund the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Annual Budget.

Item Description: The FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget includes a tax rate of \$0.61000 per \$100 valuation, which is unchanged from the current rate. This rate provides funding for operating costs to keep pace with growth and to fund and plan for capital needs throughout the City. Of this amount, a rate of \$0.390646 is for Operations and Maintenance (including the Sims Library rate) and \$0.219354 is for Interest and Sinking. The proposed rate exceeds the no-new-revenue rate of \$0.582798 and does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.611094.

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The current FY 2026 Adopted Budget and FY 2027 Proposed Budget can be found at the following website address:

<https://www.waxahachietx.gov/275/Finance>

The following provides a breakdown of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 property tax rate.

	FY 2027
FY 2026 Current Property Tax Rate	0.610000
FY 2027 Proposed Tax Rate (No Change)	0.610000
FY 2027 Proposed Tax Rate	0.610000
<i>Interest & Sinking (I&S) Rate</i>	<i>0.219354</i>
<i>Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Rate</i>	<i>0.390646</i>
<i>General Services</i>	<i>0.371246</i>
<i>Sims Library</i>	<i>0.019400</i>

Total No New Revenue Rate	0.582798
M&O No New Revenue Rate	0.377698
Voter Approval Rate (M&O Voter Approval Rate plus I&S Rate)	0.611094
<i>M&O Voter Approval Rate (3.5% plus unused increment)</i>	<i>0.391740</i>
<i>I&S Rate</i>	<i>0.219354</i>

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Re: Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Recommended Motion: "I move to consider and hold a record vote on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget at the next City Council Meeting on September 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Waxahachie Civic Center."

Item Summary: This item is a public hearing to consider the City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, which begins October 1, 2026.

Texas Local Government Code 102.007 requires that the City Council take action at the conclusion of the hearing. The recommended action is to hold a vote on the adoption of the budget at the City Council Meeting on September 8, 2026.

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