

City Council
September 3, 2024

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie was held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Meeting Rooms A and B, Waxahachie, Texas, on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Deputy City Manager
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Billie Wallace called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wallace gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

Brenda Mavridis, 5 Sargent Place, Waxahachie, Texas, thanked Mayor Wallace and Council Member Patrick Souter for visiting the Tri-City Animal Shelter in DeSoto. She requested Council's support to work on efforts to improve the local animal situation.

5. Public Hearing on the proposed Tax Rate for fiscal year 2024-2025 and vote to set the date, time, and place for adoption

The Item was presented by Senior Director of Finance Chad Tustison. 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) 2025 Annual Budget and announce the date, time, and place of the meeting to vote on the proposed rate.

The FY 2024-2025 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 \$0.376916 is for Operations and Maintenance (including the Sims Library rate) and \$0.233084 is for Interest and Sinking. The proposed rate exceeds the no-new-revenue rate of \$0.572525 but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate of \$0.610905.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 5:37 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against the City of Waxahachie proposed Tax Rate for fiscal year 2024-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 5:38 p.m.

Action:

Patrick Souter moved to consider that the vote on the adoption of the ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 be held at the Regular City Council Meeting on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Waxahachie Civic Center. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

6. Public Hearing on the City of Waxahachie proposed Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 and vote to set the date, time, and place for adoption

The Item was presented by Mr. Tustison. This agenda item is a public hearing of an ordinance to consider the City's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which begins October 1, 2024. Texas Local Government Code 102.007 requires that the City Council take action at the conclusion of the public hearing setting the date, time, and place for adoption.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 5:39 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against the City of Waxahachie proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 5:39 p.m.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to consider that the vote on the adoption for the Fiscal Year 2024- 2025 be held at the Regular City Council Meeting on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Waxahachie Civic Center. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

7. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Wright thanked Brenda Mavridis and her coalition for their efforts. Mr. Wright also thanked the Police Department for their work at Lake Waxahachie.

Mayor Billie Wallace thanked Brenda Mavridis and noted she is searching for ways to improve our animal shelter for citizens.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary