

City Council
July 11, 2025

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Meeting Rooms A and B, Waxahachie, Texas, on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Ricky Boyd, Interim City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Deputy City Manager
Terry Welch, City Attorney
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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

Crystal Strickland, 310 E. Marvin, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke in support of former City Manager Michael Scott acknowledging his dedication and service to the City of Waxahachie by emphasizing his kindness, leadership, and deep commitment to people.

5. Convene into Executive Session to deliberate the appointment of an Interim City Manager as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, and consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal issues related to the city manager transition, as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, and all matters incident and related thereto

Mayor Wallace announced at 1:14 p.m. the City Council would convene into Executive Session to deliberate the appointment of an Interim City Manager as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, and consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal issues related to the city manager transition, as permitted by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, and all matters incident and related thereto.

6. Reconvene and take any necessary action

The meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to appoint Ricky Boyd as Interim City Manager pursuant to the terms discussed in closed session and authorize the Mayor to execute a letter agreement regarding same. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

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

Council Member Chris Wright acknowledged that the past week has been difficult. He emphasized that while the council doesn't always agree, they work hard to make the best decisions for the citizens of Waxahachie and usually reach a consensus through open discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Souter said the challenging process of selecting an Interim City Manager shows the high caliber of the city's leadership and staff.

Mayor Billie Wallace thanked the four candidates for stepping up for the Interim City Manager role, calling the decision very difficult. She expressed confidence in the choice made and praised the City Council for their strong leadership, saying she's proud to serve alongside them.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary