

City Council
August 18, 2025

A regular 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 Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Absent: Patrick Souter, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2

Others Present: Ricky Boyd, Interim City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Deputy City Manager
Ed Voss, City Attorney Representative
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

Pastor Wes Smith, Bethel Community Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Announcements/Presentations

a. Introduce Honorary Council Member

Mayor Wallace introduced James Taylor as the August Honorary Council Member. James “JT” Taylor has served the Waxahachie Police Department for over 16 years in various roles, including CID, SWAT, Field Training Officer, and currently as the Community Services Officer. Known as the public face of the department, JT is deeply engaged in community outreach and support.

After surviving stage four testicular cancer in 2008, he began donating blood and platelets to Carter BloodCare in 2013, with a personal goal of reaching 50 gallons by the end of this year. His story has been featured on WFAA and Carter BloodCare's platforms, helping raise awareness and hope.

JT has helped raise nearly \$100,000 for testicular cancer awareness through partnerships with the Testicular Cancer Foundation. He also volunteers extensively, including with the Miracle League and numerous community events like Cops and Kids Picnic, Shop with a Cop, and local blood drives.

Devoted to public service, family, faith, and his hometown, JT exemplifies servant leadership and remains a valued and honored member of the Waxahachie Police Department

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the City Council meeting of August 4, 2025
- b. Minutes of the City Council work session of August 4, 2025
- c. Minutes of the City Council work session of August 11, 2025
- d. Event application for Bassing with Blondie Small Vessel Tournament Trail to be held at Spring Park on September 20, 2025
- e. Event application for Junk in the Trunk to be held in Downtown Waxahachie on September 20, 2025
- f. Event application for TX BBQ ACCORDS Smoke Out hosted by 1836 SMOKERS at Railyard Park on September 27, 2025
- g. Event application for Give Them Wings Fun Run Walk and First Responder Cookoff to be held at Getzendaner Park on October 18, 2025
- h. Event application for Trunk ‘n’ Treat Spooktacular to be held at Getzendaner Park on October 24, 2025
- i. Event application for Bittersweet Bakery Cookie Exchange to be held at Pocket Park on December 6, 2025
- j. Event application for Rotary Dog Walk to be held in Downtown Waxahachie on April 18, 2026
- k. Proposed Ordinance approving a request by Christopher Oliver, for a Petition for ETJ Release for approximately 10.93 acres, located at 3803 FM 813 (Property ID 148911) – Owner: Christopher and Holly Oliver (ETJ-PTN-107-2025)
- l. Proposed Ordinance approving a request by Christopher Oliver, for a Petition for ETJ Release for approximately 15.154 acres, located at 3800 FM 813 (Property ID 200741) – Owner: Christopher and Holly Oliver (ETJ-PTN-108-2025)
- m. Proposed Ordinance approving a request by Kayla Williams, for a Petition for ETJ Release for approximately 1 acre, located at 1647 FM 876 (Property ID 303129) – Owner: Kala Williams and Bobby Williams. (ETJ-PTN-109-2025)
- n. Proposed Ordinance approving a request by Chandler Brown for a Petition for ETJ Release for approximately 1.6330 acres, located at 2030 S Highway 77 (Property ID 258875) – Owners: Maria Vieyra and Homero Carbajal (ETJ-PTN-118-2025)
- o. Budget transfer related to funds reimbursed to the General Fund for repairs to two police vehicles

ORDINANCE NO. 3649

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE FROM THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE’S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF A 10.93 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 3803 FM 813, KNOWN AS PROPERTY ID 148911, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE’S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BOUNDARY MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3650

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE FROM THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF A 15.154 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 3800 FM 813, KNOWN AS PROPERTY ID 200741, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BOUNDARY MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3651

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE FROM THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF A 1 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 1647 FM 876, KNOWN AS PROPERTY ID 303129, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BOUNDARY MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3652

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE FROM THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF A 1.633 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 2030 SOUTH HIGHWAY 77, KNOWN AS PROPERTY ID 258875, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BOUNDARY MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented and authorize the Interim City Manager and/or Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (4-0).

- 7. Public Hearing on a request by Matthew Mitchell, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Short-Term Rental use within a Single-Family Residential-2 (SF-2) zoning district located at 313 Highland Avenue (Property ID 176753) - Owner: 2M Texas LLC Series A (ZDC-78-2025)**

Senior Director of Planning Trenton Robertson presented the Item. The applicant requests a SUP for short-term rental use at 313 Highland Ave because it is located within the SF-2 zoning district. The subject property consists of a primary structure of approximately 1,072 square feet, built in 1992. The portion of the home proposed to be used as an STR has three (3) bedrooms, one (1) bathroom and enough improved surface to accommodate for the maximum parking spaces of three (3) vehicles.

The subject property is situated on an approximately 0.478-acre (20,821.68 square feet) tract. The applicant has not been operating a short-term rental. The applicant has not been paying local hotel occupancy taxes, as they have not been operating an STR. The Ellis County Appraisal District (ECAD) does not identify the subject property as a Homestead. The applicant submitted the SUP application on June 12, 2024.

During the planning analysis, staff inquired with the Waxahachie Police Department and discovered no nuisance-related calls had been made regarding the subject property and its current use in the past 12 months. The applicant's local emergency contact is located approximately 13.7 miles from the subject property.

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, 44 notices were mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property as required in Section 3.27 of the City's Zoning Ordinance. In addition, a notice was published in the Waxahachie Sun, and a sign was visibly posted at the property. At the time of the publishing of the staff report, four (4) letters of opposition and zero (0) letters of support were received by staff.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:11 p.m.

Those who spoke in opposition:

Homer Thompson, 254 Bear Trail, Waxahachie, Texas

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-78-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:12 p.m.

8. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-78-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 3653

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT A SHORT-TERM RENTAL USE WITHIN A SINGLE FAMILY 2 (SF-2) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 313 HIGHLAND AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING 0.478 ACRES KNOWN AS PROPERTY ID 176753, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Chris Wright moved to approve ZDC-78-2025, a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Short-Term Rental use, subject to the conditions the staff report, authorizing the Interim City Manager and/or Mayor to execute all documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (4-0).

9. Public Hearing on a proposed amendment of land use assumptions and capital improvement plans for roads, water and wastewater, and the possible imposition of an impact fee

Mr. Robertson presented the Item. As required by Texas Local Government Code, Section 395, the City is required to update the impact fee program every five years.

Eddie Haas and Cullen Carlson, Freese and Nichols, presented and reviewed land use assumptions (2025–2035), capital improvement plans (CIPs), and cost per service unit calculations for roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure.

In accordance with State law, the land use assumptions and capital improvements plan were presented to the Impact Fee Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (IFCIAC) on June 24, 2025. Based upon the approved land use assumptions and capital improvements plan, a modified impact fee was presented to the IFCIAC on July 8, 2025. The IFCIAC ultimately voted unanimously to recommend the City Council approve staff's recommendations associated with the overall impact fee update with their formal recommendation letter appearing before City Council on August 18, 2025.

The IFCIAC recommended:

- Approval of the land use assumptions and growth forecasts.
- Approval of the CIPs for water, wastewater, and roads.
- Adoption of the maximum credited impact fee rates per service unit.
- Completion of a credit analysis in preparation for a potential rate change in 2028.

For your reference, below is the recommended collection rate for the impact fee program for your consideration.

Roadway Service Area	Maximum Impact Fee Rate (per service unit)
1	\$1,915
2	\$1,380
3	\$1,767
4	\$1,778
5	\$1,779
Water	Recommended Collection Rate (per service unit)
	\$4,028
Wastewater	Recommended Collection Rate (per service unit)
	\$5,329

Modifications to the maximum allowable and the collected impact fee are presented in the ordinance as Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 respectively, which will generate revenue proportionate to the updated land use assumptions and fifty percent (50%) of the water, wastewater and roadway capital improvement plans cost.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:35 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:35 p.m.

- 10. Consider proposed Ordinance adopting updated Land Use Assumptions, Capital Improvement plans and associated boundaries; and approving revised assessment and collection schedules for water, wastewater, and roadway impact fees; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date**

ORDINANCE NO. 3654

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ADOPTING UPDATED LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ASSOCIATED BOUNDARIES; AND APPROVING REVISED ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION SCHEDULES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, AND ROADWAY IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve an ordinance approving the updated land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and updated water, wastewater and roadway impact fee collection rates. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (4-0).

- 11. Consider a request by Aimee Evola for a Site Plan for Waxahachie Social, located at 216 N College St. (Property ID: 217175) – Owner: EHG Waxahachie Realty LLC (SP-81-2025)**

Mr. Robertson presented the Item. The subject property was used as the home of the Waxahachie Police Department for nearly two decades. Following the construction of the new Police Department campus on Farley Street in 2018, the subject property was left vacant. In January of 2025, City Council executed a Development Agreement with EHG Waxahachie Realty LLC to facilitate the redevelopment of the subject property. The development agreement required the redevelopment of the site to utilize the existing 8,200 square-foot building and 25,000 square-foot parking lot for a restaurant with a market component and an outdoor seating and entertainment area. The applicant submitted this Site Plan Application in May of 2025 and completed the technical review process with staff in July of 2025. Notably, the Development Agreement requires City Council approval of the Site Plan for the property and the provision of a Performance Bond, Material and Labor Payment Bond, prior to the issuance of building permits for the project and a Bills Paid Affidavit prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project.

The applicant has prepared a Site Plan application detailing their proposal for exterior and outdoor improvements to 216 N. College Street. The applicant proposes to remodel the existing building for use as the “Waxahachie Social” restaurant and market. The restaurant is proposed to include an open dining area, coffee bar, and several market booth areas. Outdoor Entertainment Area: Directly east of the existing building, the applicant proposes to construct an approximately 5,100 square foot covered outdoor pavilion. The canopy proposed over the outdoor pavilion includes a wall comprised of metal panels facing N. Jackson Street to provide a measure of privacy and sound

mitigation for the outdoor area. This outdoor entertainment area includes a bar, flexible seating and standing areas, a stage for live music, a dog run, child play area, and two gazebos. The outdoor entertainment area is proposed to be secured by a 6' ornamental metal fence with an access gate onto N. Jackson Street. No direct connection is proposed to George Brown Plaza to the south of the subject property.

Minor exterior elevation changes for a majority the existing building have been proposed by the applicant. Specifically, the applicant proposes to paint the existing stucco and accent trimming with a lighter color palette. As part of this proposal, the downspouts on the building would also be painted to match the stucco trim. Major changes to the existing building are only proposed for the northwest corner of the structure. In this area, the applicant proposes to add glass roll-up bay doors facing N. College Street and a secondary entrance to the marketplace facing north towards the parking lot. The secondary entrance facing the parking lot will include the addition of bay windows and board and batten siding. Branded signage is also proposed at the northwest corner of the building. The applicant is also proposing additional landscape improvements for the site. Planter boxes containing seasonal colors and evergreen shrubs are proposed to be placed along the front of the building facing N. College Street. The applicant proposes to install drought-tolerant landscaping and six (6) crape myrtles in a planting strip between the parking lot and building. The existing landscape islands along N. College Street and N. Jackson Street are proposed to be redesigned with crushed granite and drought tolerant shrubs. The existing trees in these landscape islands are proposed to remain.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve SP-81-2025, a Site Plan for Waxahachie Social at 216 N. College Street. Motion was seconded by Chris Wright and carried unanimously (4-0).

12. Consider proposed Ordinance for a Disannexation request for approximately 7.47 acres, located at 1810 Longbranch Road (Property ID: 223374, 225226, and a portion of 219897) – Owner: James Archer & Nancy Archer (ANX-DNX-91-2025)

Mr. Robertson presented the Item. In June of 2025, the City received a petition from Keith Archer, the owner of approximately 7.47 acres annexed by the City in 2002, seeking disannexation of such property. After initial review of the petition, staff identified that the petition was not complete due to the lack of public noticing for the disannexation required by Section 43.141 of the Texas Local Government Code. The Texas Local Government Code requires the petitioner to post public notices of the disannexation petition at three public places on the subject property for 10 consecutive days and publish a notice of the disannexation petition in the newspaper of record. The applicant was made aware of this issue and completed public noticing requirements on July 9, 2025. At that time, the City determined that the petition was in compliance with the procedural requirements of Section 43.141 and, as a result, the petition is procedurally in a position for the City Council to consider the disannexation request.

This subject property is part of the larger annexation of the approximately 537 acres approved in 2002 through Annexation Ordinance No. 2129. The applicant contends that the City of Waxahachie has not complied with the Service Plan for the Annexed Area, as required by Ordinance 2129. Staff contends that the Service Plan has been met since the property was annexed in 2002. The Service Plan includes the provision of police protection, fire protection, solid waste collection, emergency medical service, maintenance of existing public roads, and maintenance of

any other City owned facilities or services in the annexed area. Notably, the Service Plan expressly excludes water and wastewater service due to the subject property's location within the Sardis-Lone Elm Water Supply District.

Councilman Smith asked if Police and Fire would respond to an emergency call at this location and both Police Chief Joe Wiser and Fire Chief Scott Safford confirmed they would.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to deny ANX-DNX-91-2025, a Disannexaton request for approximately 7.47 acres, located at 1810 Longbranch Road. Motion was seconded by Chris Wright and carried unanimously (4-0).

13. Consider Development Agreement for Waxahachie Office Condos and Montclair 287 Land, LLC

Mr. Robertson presented the Item. The subject property is part of the Montclair Heights Planned Development approved by City Council in 2022. The property is subject to the Montclair Heights Public Improvement District (PID) and Development Agreement approved by City Council in conjunction with the Planned Development. The agreement requires the developer to submit authorized improvement costs and budgeted costs for the PID to City Council for approval at the time of each plat for the subject property. The developer has submitted plat applications for the subject property in 2024 that was disapproved due to the inability to provide authorized improvement costs and budgeted costs for the PID. The developer met with City staff in June of 2025 and stated an intent not to seek PID reimbursements for public infrastructure serving the subject property; which would eliminate the need to submit the aforementioned PID costs to City Council for approval. This is intended to expedite the development process and the developer proposes to memorialize this intent with an additional Development Agreement for the subject property.

Action:

Chris Wright moved to approve a Development Agreement with Waxahachie Office Condos, LLC and Montclair 287 Land, LLC for the removal of Montclair Heights PID reimbursements for public infrastructure serving the subject property. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (4-0).

14. Consider funding request from the Ellis County Woman's Building in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with building renovations, repairs, and upgrades

Hanna McCleary, Chairwoman of the Ellis County Woman's Building Board, requested a one-time budget contribution of \$10,000 to assist in the renovations, repairs and upgrades at the Ellis County Woman's Building. She explained the building is undergoing major renovations including a kitchen remodel, floor repairs in Davis Hall, electrical upgrades, and exterior improvements such as tree trimming and storm damage repairs. Ms. McCleary noted all rusted pipes under the building have been replaced.

Council Member Smith inquired whether the required permits had been obtained for the work. Ms. McCleary responded that she believed they had.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to table the Item until after the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried 3-1, with Chris Wright voting in opposition.

The Council reconvened on this item following Executive Session.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to deny the funding request from the Ellis County Woman's Building in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with building renovations, repairs, and upgrades. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and unanimously (4-0).

Mayor Wallace stated that the City Council has concerns with the building repairs and that the Interim City Manager will be reaching out to the Ellis County Woman's Building Board.

15. Consider construction contract for the Waxahachie Main Street Sidewalk Project

Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering Elizabeth Quilici presented the Item. The proposed Waxahachie Main Street Sidewalk Project consists of concrete sidewalk repairs along West Main Street from US 77 to approximately Grand Avenue. The sidewalk repair will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and will provide a ADA compliant path along the south side of West Main Street. Repairs to damaged sidewalk along the north side of West Main Street will also be performed per ADA regulations, but due to the steps at some of the intersections, it will not be an ADA compliant path. The project also includes a section of sidewalk near the intersection of Brown Street and Garden Valley Parkway.

The City received seventeen (17) bids and the following is a summary of the bids:

Bidder	Bid Total
JAA Y Concrete Paving, Inc.	\$ 195,139.70
Don Smith Concrete, LLC.	\$ 273,738.20
CI Pavement	\$ 283,598.93
H.D. Cook's Rock Solid, Inc.	\$ 296,748.50
Estrada & Son's Construction, LLC.	\$ 299,081.00
HZ Paving & Construction LLC	\$ 309,504.50
Niyam Construction	\$ 325,277.35
Axis Contracting, Inc.	\$ 340,144.21
ABF Concrete, LLC	\$ 342,242.00
Tex-Pro Construction, LLC	\$ 357,811.00
J & L Construction, LLC.	\$ 395,526.20
S-Co Incorporated	\$ 414,626.00
Estrada Concrete Company, LLC	\$ 447,015.00
HQS Construction, LLC.	\$ 574,918.00
J & K Excavation, LLC.	\$ 616,630.80
Atkins	\$ 623,342.00
K. Tillman Construction LLC	\$ 809,166.00

JAA Y Concrete Paving was the low bidder at \$195,139.70. City staff checked the contractor's references, the bid unit prices, and their bonding company. Based on discussion with the contractor, bonding company and the positive references, City staff recommends awarding the contract to JAA Y Concrete Paving.

The Waxahachie Main Street Sidewalk Project is an approved project which has a budget of \$400,000 in this year's approved Public Works Operating Budget. Staff recommends awarding the contract with JAA Y Concrete Paving, Inc in the amount of \$195,139.70.

Councilman Wright asked whether concrete would be added to the areas currently lacking it. Ms. Quilici confirmed that it would, with the exception of the railroad right-of-way areas.

Action:

Chris Wright moved to award a construction contract with JAA Y Concrete Paving, Inc. for the Waxahachie Main Street Sidewalk Project in an amount not to exceed \$195,139.70, and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (4-0).

16. Consider Resolution executing matters related to establishing a tax rate equivalent for Phase Four District Improvements for Waxahachie Public Improvement District No. 1 and calling a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance levying assessment

Executive Director of Development Services Shon Brooks presented the Item. The City of Waxahachie accepted Public Improvement District No. 1 in 2007. This PID was created to offset infrastructure costs and public open space areas. Previously proposed rate increases included additional amenities, however, with the proposed rate remaining consistent with the original PID rate, the amenities will remain as originally designed.

The proposed rate will continue the development as currently operating and will not increase any services other than those due to the increase in future homes in the development.

Council Member Chris Wright questioned whether the proposed assessment increase was 17 cents or an additional 17 cents on top of a previous rate. Jennifer Sloan from MuniCap clarified that the current request is for a 21-cent assessment related to Phase Four of the project, which is actually lower than the previous Phase Three assessment and aligns the rates across phases.

There was confusion over an earlier higher request of 79 cents, which had been rejected, and the removal of several amenities and improvements from the budget to reduce the assessment to 21 cents. Jake Finch and Dwayne Briniac, developer's representatives, confirmed that required amenities will still be constructed as per the development agreement but will be funded from other sources, not the assessment.

Council members expressed concern that the previous 79-cent request appeared excessive and that the reduced 21-cent request might impact funding for certain improvements. Questions were raised about documentation for Phase Four improvements, which were missing from the packet but would be provided later.

Mr. Finch affirmed that the lower assessment means the developer will cover more of the public infrastructure costs.

In conclusion, the 21-cent assessment will be consistent with previous phases, and all required development obligations under the planned development (PD) will still be met.

Action:

Chris Wright moved to adopt a resolution determining the costs of Phase Four district improvements for the Waxahachie PID No. 1, approving the Preliminary Service and Assessment Plan, executing other matters related to the subject, and calling a public hearing for September 15, 2025 to consider an ordinance levying the assessments. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (4-0).

- 17. Convene into Executive Session to deliberate economic development incentives, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.087; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for municipal purposes, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.072; to deliberate personnel matters, including selection of a City Manager, and evaluation of the Municipal Judge, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.074; and to consult 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 8:08 p.m. the City Council would convene into Executive Session to deliberate economic development incentives, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.087; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for municipal purposes, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.072; to deliberate personnel matters, including selection of a City Manager, and evaluation of the Municipal Judge, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.074; and to consult 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.

- 18. Reconvene and take any necessary action**

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to amend the contract for the City Municipal Judge as discussed during Executive Session and authorize the Mayor and or Interim City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Billie Wallace requested an amendment to the motion to include the annual review of the City Municipal Judge, which was accepted by Travis Smith.

Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (4-0).

19. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Management

Trenton Robertson, Senior Director of Planning, announced that staff recently submitted an award nomination for Chairman Rick Keeler to the American Planning Association for the “Planning Advocate of the Year” in Texas—and he won. Chairman Keeler has long been a dedicated advocate and an invaluable resource to the City of Waxahachie. He will receive his award at the Texas APA conference in College Station and he will also be formally recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Interim City Manager Ricky Boyd thanked everyone who attended the Firefighters Shield and Promotion Ceremony. He reminded the Council of the upcoming Work Session scheduled for Monday, August 25th at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Boyd also announced the City’s 175th Birthday celebration on August 22nd and invited the community to attend this special event.

Honorary Council Member James Taylor expressed his appreciation to the Council for the opportunity to participate in the meeting.

Council Member Chris Wright acknowledged receiving multiple messages about loose animals and reassured the public that the City has not forgotten about the need for an animal shelter and improving animal services. He emphasized that, while public attendance at every meeting isn't necessary, the issue remains a priority and Mayor Billie Wallace concurred.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary