

City Council
December 8, 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 Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:30 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, 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

City Manager Ricky Boyd gave the invocation. Mayor Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Convene into Executive Session to deliberate the appointment of a 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

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6. Reconvene and consider the appointment/employment of a City Manager for the City of Waxahachie

The meeting reconvened at 6:17 p.m.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to appoint Ricky Boyd as the City Manager effective immediately and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate mutually agreeable contractual terms. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

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

Council Member Chris Wright congratulated Ricky Boyd on his appointment as City Manager, praising his strong performance and expressing confidence in his continued success. He also thanked Police Chief Joe Wiser for the police department's efforts in implementing a new program to address panhandling issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Souter congratulated Ricky Boyd, expressing strong confidence in his leadership and praising his accomplishments. He stated he feels secure with Mr. Boyd at the helm and thanked him for both his past work and future contributions.

Deputy City Manager Albert Lawrence congratulated Ricky Boyd on his promotion to the new position.

Council Member Travis Smith said he has come to appreciate the deep knowledge and community-focused leadership of both the fire and police chiefs. He praised Ricky Boyd's strong grasp of data and numbers and expressed pride in the Council's steadfast approach throughout the process. Councilman Smith said he is confident the city is well-positioned for the coming years.

Council Member Tres Atkins said he believes the city chose the right person for the job and looks forward to continuing to work closely with Ricky Boyd.

City Manager Ricky Boyd expressed appreciation for the Council's confidence in his leadership, saying he hadn't expected this opportunity but is grateful for their trust. He thanked both his family and his fire department family for their support, praised the City's strong staff, and said he is humbled to serve as the new city manager.

Mayor Billie Wallace thanked staff for their work on the successful Christmas parade and outlined the City Manager selection process, which included broad public outreach and a citizen survey. She thanked all applicants, noting Clyde Melick and Yasmin Barnes as strong candidates. Mayor Wallace praised Ricky Boyd's outstanding leadership over the past six months, highlighting his transparency, responsiveness, strong communication, community support, and positive impact on staff morale. She congratulated him and his family and affirmed the Council's confidence that he is the right leader to keep the city healthy, safe, and progressing.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal, City Secretary