

City Council
January 20, 2026

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 Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 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, 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 Pro Tem Patrick Souter gave the invocation. Mayor Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Announcements/Presentations

- a. Introduce Honorary Council Member
- b. Present Proclamation proclaiming January as “Crime Stoppers Awareness Month”
- c. Recognize Waxahachie citizen Amanda Bell with Life-Saving Award

There was not an Honorary Council Member in attendance.

Mayor Wallace read a proclamation recognizing January as “Crime Stoppers Awareness Month.”

Fire Chief Scott Safford recognized Waxahachie citizen Amanda Bell with Life-Saving Award. On December 28, 2025, a 13-year-old boy experienced distress while in shallow water at Lake Waxahachie after unexpectedly entering deeper water. Neither the boy nor members of his group were able to swim. Amanda Bell, who was nearby, heard the disturbance, recognized the emergency, and entered the water to rescue the boy. Her quick and selfless actions prevented serious injury or loss of life. Ms. Bell was recognized with a Citizen Life Saving Award for her courageous response and successful rescue.

5. Public Comments

Jon Garrett, 1121 W. Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas, spoke regarding the proposed Minto Community development at 300 Brookside Road. He shared community concerns about property taxes, infrastructure, traffic, and long-term costs, particularly for seniors and long-time residents.

He referenced the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for denial and stated that he does not believe the project is ready for approval.

Scott Quirin, 255 Bear Trail, Waxahachie, Texas, thanked City Council, particularly Mayor Wallace, for the installation of a stop sign at Broadhead and Garden Valley. He noted safety concerns at the intersection, especially during school traffic, and expressed appreciation for the City's quick response and willingness to address concerns raised through public input.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 5, 2026
- b. Minutes of the City Council work session of January 5, 2026
- c. Appointment to the Animal Care Advisory Committee to fill unexpired term and appoint members to the Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission to fill newly created positions
- d. Supplemental appropriation to allocate funds received through insurance reimbursement for repairs to Fire Blocker 2 in the amount of \$39,843.92
- e. Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Highland Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$500,000
- f. Contract for airport hangar roof restoration in the amount of \$143,094.26
- g. Temporary road closure of a portion of Elder Street for filming on January 25, 2026

Mayor Wallace announced that Item 6b would be removed from the consent agenda and considered at the February 2, 2026 meeting. She also noted that Item 6c was amended to reflect the recommended appointments of April Honore and Ezriel Wilson to the Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission, and that Item 6g was amended to reflect filming scheduled for February 1, 2026.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as amended, and authorize the City Manager and/or Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

7. Public Hearing on a request by Robert Drolet, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Accessory Structure exceeding seven hundred (700) square feet use within a Rural Residential (RR) zoning district located at 128 Lakeshore Drive (Property ID 233849) - Owners: Robert Drolet and Michelle Drolet (ZDC-151-2025)

Trenton Robertson, Senior Director of Planning, presented the Item. The applicant proposes a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to construct 960 square foot carport at 128 Lakeshore Drive. The structure has a maximum height of 20' and a width of 40'. According to the Ellis County Appraisal District, the primary structure on the subject property is approximately 4,568 square feet. According to the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance, single family residential structures located in a Rural Residential zoning district are limited to two accessory structures with a combined floor area of 1000 square feet. Additionally, the ordinance requires any accessory structure over 700 square feet to obtain a SUP. The subject property contains two (2) existing accessory structures.

The applicant proposes to utilize the structure for personal parking, storage, and protection of personal vehicles.

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, 10 notices were mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the request. In addition, a notice was published in the Waxahachie Sun and a sign was visibly posted at the property. Staff has received two (2) letters of support and zero (0) letters of opposition to the SUP request.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:18 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-151-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:19 p.m.

8. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-151-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 3700

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE USE WITHIN A RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 128 LAKESHORE DRIVE, BEING PROPERTY ID 233849, IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING LOT 15 OF THE LINDMARK ESTATES REVISION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve ZDC-151-2025, a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Accessory Structure exceeding seven hundred square feet in use, subject to the conditions the staff report, and authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute all documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

9. Public Hearing on a request by Tamika Ayers for a Zoning Change from a Single-Family-2 zoning district to Planned Development, for a Child Day Care use, located at 301 E Criddle Street, (Property ID 196523) - Owner: Texas Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventist (ZDC-163-2025)

Mr. Robertson presented the Item and applicant Tamika Ayers requested approval. The applicant requests a zoning change from Single Family Two (SF-2) to a Planned Development District with an SF-2 base zoning to allow a daycare center in a former church building. The applicant owns and operates other daycare facilities in town and plans to use similar operating practices at this location.

Staff initially recommended denial due to concerns about traffic flow, site layout, safety, and noise. Following meetings with the applicant after the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing, these issues were addressed through revisions to the site plan and an operational plan. As a result, staff now recommends approval.

The daycare would operate Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., serve children ages 16 months to 12 years, and be limited to a maximum of 60 students. Outdoor noise will be managed by scheduling small groups of approximately 10 children at a time for outdoor play. Drop-off and pick-up safety will be addressed through staff-assisted transfers, a designated traffic circulation lane, and warning signage. Additional conditions include installation of a wooden privacy screening fence and fencing around the rear play area.

With these conditions met, both staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the request.

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, 30 notices were mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the request. In addition, a notice was published in the Waxahachie Sun and a sign was visibly posted at the property. Staff has received zero (0) letters of support and one (1) letter of opposition to the SUP request.

Ms. Ayers, the applicant and purchaser of the property, addressed Council questions regarding the proposed childcare facility and its safety measures. She explained that the operation will comply with Texas Minimum Standards for childcare licensing, including written safety protocols, staff training, emergency preparedness, controlled schedules, and supervised drop-off, pickup, and outdoor activities. All exterior doors will remain locked, access will be managed through a parent notification app with ID verification, and a secure perimeter fence with a gated entrance will be installed. The facility will have smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, monitored alarms, and will be subject to fire and building inspections prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Council discussed fencing and traffic safety signage requirements, which the applicant agreed to, including a wooden fence and attention-drawing signage. The applicant confirmed ownership of the building and expressed willingness to comply with all conditions and licensing requirements.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:36 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-163-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:37 p.m.

10. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-163-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 3701

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ZONING CHANGE FROM SINGLE FAMILY-2 (SF-2) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SINGLE FAMILY-2 (PD-SF-2) TO ALLOW A CHILD DAYCARE CENTER USE LOCATED AT 301 E CRIDDLE IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING 0.6937 ACRES KNOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF THE KINGDOM HALL SUBDIVISION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve ZDC-163-2025, a Zoning Change from a Single-Family 2 zoning district to a Planned Development-Single-Family-2 zoning district that allows a Child Daycare Center use at Criddle Street, to be amended to include a wooden safety privacy fence around the playground, flashing signage where the building meets the traffic exit, with the SUP being tied only to the current daycare owner, and subject to the conditions of the staff report. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

11. Public Hearing on a request by Jennifer Williams, TDRealty for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Specialty Paraphernalia (The High Culture) use within a Commercial (C) zoning district located at 1702 W US Highway 287 Business, Suite A (Property ID 189024) - Owner: Daniel McGee (ZDC-110-2025)

Mr. Robertson presented the Item and owner Daniel McGee requested approval. The applicant proposes a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a Specialty Paraphernalia use for The High Culture business. This use allows for the sale of tincture, edible, and topical hemp products in addition to the sale of cigarette papers, bongs, and other smoking accessories. The use is proposed to be limited to Suite A at 1702 W US Highway 287 Business; which is the suite located at the intersection of Lucas street and W US Highway 287 Business. This suite is approximately 1,000 square feet in size. The subject property has 12 total parking spaces shared between the two suites on the subject property. The proposed use generates a minimum parking requirement of five (5) spaces. Suite B on the subject property is currently vacant.

The applicant has noted that The High Culture is a Texas-based retail business offering premium hemp derived wellness products in full compliance with federal and state law. The applicant has also noted that proposed products for sale include tinctures, edibles, topicals, and other consumable hemp products that contain less than 0.3% Delta-9 THC, as allowed under the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The owner is proposing to install security cameras on the inside and outside of the premises and proposes to store all inventory in a secure, limited access area. On-site or in-store consumption of products sold by the business is proposed to be prohibited.

Staff has concern that the proposed Specialty Paraphernalia use is incompatible with the multiple existing pediatric uses in the immediate area. This concern is due to the products offered for sale by The High Culture and the promotional material commonly associated Specialty Paraphernalia uses. Due to these concerns, staff is not supportive of the proposed Specialty Paraphernalia use.

Staff is also concerned that portions of the existing building extend into the right-of-way (ROW) of W US Highway 287 Business, as indicated by the site plan/survey. The position of the structure has led past occupants to allow parking along the southern side of the building; which is situated within TxDOT ROW on the shoulder of W US Highway 287 Business. To prevent this from continuing, no parking signs should be clearly installed along the southern side of the building. Staff cannot recommend occupancy of a building that is situated outside of private property and within TxDOT right-of-way.

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, 14 notices were mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the request. In addition, a notice was published in the Waxahachie Sun and a sign was visibly posted at the property. Staff has received zero (0) letters of support and six (6) letters of opposition for the SUP request.

Mr. McGee appeared before Council and described his proposed business and ownership of other properties. Council raised concerns regarding the nature of the proposed paraphernalia use, potential sale of THC-infused products, the business name, and the site's proximity to pediatric medical offices, a major city park, and a primary entry corridor into the city. Council members expressed that the proposed use was not the highest and best use for the location and were unwilling to support a special use permit for paraphernalia sales at that site. Staff advised that other uses may be permitted by right or through a different permitting process and offered to meet with the applicant to discuss alternative allowable uses. The applicant stated willingness to change the business concept and work with staff to pursue a permitted use.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:54 p.m.

Those who spoke in opposition:
Dean Settlemyer, 605 Brookside Road, Waxahachie, Texas

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-110-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:59 p.m.

12. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-110-2025

Action:

Patrick Souter moved to deny ZDC-110-2025, for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Specialty Paraphernalia use. Motion was seconded by Chris Wright and carried unanimously (5-0).

13. Public Hearing on a request by Brad Yates, for a Zoning Change from a Planned Development-5-Commercial District to a Planned Development-Multi-Family-2 (PD-MF-2) zoning district, located directly west of 131 Mark Trail, (Property ID: 174984) – Owner: Colonial Restoration Group, Inc (ZDC-120-2025)

Mr. Robertson presented the Item and applicant Grayson Yates requested approval. The applicant proposes to rezone the subject property to allow for the development of a single structure consisting of six (6) townhome style units. The units range from 1 to 2-stories and 590-1302 square feet. It should be clearly understood that townhomes are proposed to be situated on fee-simple, individually platted lots. The applicant intends to keep all six units on separate lots and lease each of the individual units. While the development will function as multi-family project, the design of each unit is intended to match the existing townhomes at 111 Dunn Street. Each unit is proposed to include on-street parking, offstreet parking, bedroom balconies, and a covered patio. Despite the intent to lease each unit, the small-scale multi-family use is consistent with the type of residential development recommended for the Mixed-Use Neighborhood Placetype by the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed development is designed to face Houston Street. This site design was chosen to ensure the primary façade is visible when traveling along Houston Street as opposed to the rear façade. The applicant is proposing to install a sidewalk to connect the front door of each unit alongside Houston Street to the parking area accessible via Mark Trail, where driveway access starts. The applicant is proposing a mix of floorplans ranging from 1-3 bedrooms and 1-2 baths. In order to facilitate development on the subject property, the applicant has proposed several planned development (PD) standards that deviate from the base MF-2 zoning district. These PD standards are necessary to facilitate the development due to the small size of the subject property.

Each unit is proposed to have access to a shared driveway accessible from Mark Trail and one (1) un-covered, off-street parking space. Per the base MF-2 Zoning Ordinance, 12 parking spaces are required. The applicant is providing 17 total surface spaces, five (5) of which are 1-car parking garages, six (6) uncovered off-street parking spaces, and six (6) parallel spaces along Houston Street. A concrete sidewalk is proposed to connect the on-street and off-street parking areas to the front door of each unit.

The applicant is proposing to meet all landscaping requirements for the development and has notably proposed to exceed the number of required shrubs, ground cover, and seasonal cover for this development. Landscape islands are proposed between each individual townhome along the proposed shared driveway to help soften the rear façade.

The applicant has provided a detailed elevation/façade plan with the PD proposal. The elevation/façade plan closely resembles the existing townhomes at 111 Dunn Street. The applicant proposes to utilize a minimum of 90% masonry for each elevation, while also including materials such as wood, stone and hardie for all proposed structures. Each of the proposed two-story townhomes will contain bedroom balconies on the front/northwest elevation, with the one, single-story unit, containing a bedroom patio towards the rear/southeast side of the proposed structure. Each unit will also contain architectural elements like columns with accent siding making up the base of each column. The northernmost unit along Mark Trail is proposed to be 1-story, enhancing the vertical articulation of the building. The applicant is not proposing roof-mounted equipment with this planned development. Lastly, the roof pitch for the structure will be 6:12.

Typically, a six-foot masonry screening wall would be required along the southern and eastern property lines. The applicant is not proposing screening at this time. It should be noted that there's an existing fence along the southside of the property adjacent to the existing residential single-family homes. Additionally, the applicant is proposing ornamental fencing towards the front of each structure similar to the existing townhomes of W. Franklin Street in Downtown Waxahachie.

The applicant is proposing a 15' utility easement along the southside of the subject property and a 10' utility easement running alongside both Houston Street and Mark Trail. In addition, the applicant is proposing a mutual access easement for the shared access driveway located at the rear of the property.

A six-inch water line currently exists along Houston Street adjacent to the subject property. Typically, a multi-family project is required to install a 12" waterline to serve the development. Due to the limited number of dwelling units proposed with this development, the applicant has requested to utilize the existing six-inch water line as opposed to installing a new 12" water line along Houston Street. In order to determine if the six-inch water line is sufficient to serve the

development, the applicant will be required to conduct a fire flow test and engineering analysis in the area around the development and provide the results to staff. The Fire Flow test and engineering analysis must demonstrate the presence of a minimum fire flow and domestic flow that is acceptable to the Director of Utilities. This fire flow test and engineering analysis are required to be conducted prior to recording of the replat for this property.

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, 18 notices were mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the request. In addition, a notice was published in the Waxahachie Sun and a sign was visibly posted at the property. Staff has received one (1) letter of support and one (1) letter of opposition for the proposed zoning change.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 8:05 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-120-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:05 p.m.

14. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-120-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 3702

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ZONING CHANGE FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-5-COMMERCIAL (PD-5-C) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-MULTI-FAMILY-2 (PD-MF-2) LOCATED DIRECTLY WEST OF 131 MARK TRAIL IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING 0.425 ACRES KNOWN AS LOT 24, BLOCK 4 OF THE NORTHGATE II SUBDIVISION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to approve ZDC-120-2025, a Planned Development-Multi-Family-2 zoning district, subject to the conditions the staff report, and authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute all documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

15. Consider Development Agreement for ZDC-120-2025

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to approve the Development Agreement for ZDC-120-2025. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

16. Consider bid award for North Grove Park Project in the amount of \$2,337,585.18

Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the Item. The Parks and Purchasing Departments in conjunction with Kimely-Horn solicited a Request for Bids and a bid opening was held on November 20, 2025. Seventeen bids were received, with one bidder disqualified for submitting a non-responsive bid, and another bidder withdrawing their bid after identifying bid errors within their bid tabulation. Of the 15 responsive bidders, the base bids ranged from \$2,171,887.66 to \$3,400,929.93.

The project's base scope includes a concrete paved walking loop trail, two playground areas for various age groups, landscaping and irrigation improvements, shade pavilions, shaded benches, fencing, parking improvements, and a decomposed granite area with lighting for seating.

The apparent low bid was submitted by Whirlix Design Inc. This company has received approval as a contractor and their package appears to be complete and qualified based on Kimley-Horn's review. Whirlix Design Inc. has performed in an acceptable manner on previous projects and is successfully working with Kimley-Horn on other public park projects. Based on the information provided, Kimley-Horn and staff recommend awarding the project to Whirlix Design Inc. for the base bid of \$2,171,887.66 and recommend bid alternates #4 – prefabricated restroom for \$140,697.52, and #5 – restroom pad prep with proper utilities and connections for \$25,000, for a total project cost of \$2,337,585.18.

City Council approved funding through issuance of the 2023 CO Park Bonds and Park Dedication Fees for an available project budget of \$2,240,000 for Project 448 – North Grove Park. The total project costs including soft costs, materials testing, and construction is \$2,570,078.18. In consultation with the Finance Department, additional funding available for completion of the project has been identified through accumulated bond interest. Approximately \$86,000 from the 2021 CO Bonds and \$800,000 from the 2023 CO Bonds are available.

Council expressed significant concerns about approving the expenditure without seeing renderings or having clarity on the minimum requirements of the development agreement. Council Members questioned the park's scope, necessity of certain amenities, reliance on consultants, escalating costs, and whether the project could be scaled back to focus on usable green space. Council discussed the possibility of value engineering, reallocating bond funds to other park projects, and amending the development agreement if feasible. Council discussed postponing the consideration to a future meeting to allow staff to review the development agreement, provide drawings and alternatives, and present options for a revised scope.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to table Item 16 to the February 2, 2026 City Council meeting for further consideration. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

17. Consideration and action taken on an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Waxahachie, Texas Tax Note, Series 2026; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the payment of said note; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject

Chad Tustison, Senior Director of Finance, presented the Item. This action approves an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Tax Note to fund the acquisition, renovation, and improvement of property located at 820 Ferris Avenue, formerly known as the Comerica Bank building. Upon approval, and successful pricing and selling of the tax note, the funds would be delivered and available in mid to late February.

On October 7, 2025, the City entered into an agreement to purchase the property located at 820 Ferris Avenue (Comerica Bank) with a feasibility period of 60 days. Following this due diligence period, the City executed a contract to purchase the property at a purchase price of \$2,750,000 on

December 5, 2025. The total issuance is \$3,600,000 and will be used to pay for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of the building.

The purchase of the property was initially funded utilizing the General Fund unreserved fund balance, with the intent to issue a short-term tax note to pay back and replenish the General Fund. Utilizing the City's Interest & Sinking Fund (Debt Service) instead of the General Fund provides additional flexibility in the City's ability to fund ongoing maintenance and operating expenses in future years.

The City utilizes debt service capacity to fund capital projects throughout the City as part of its Capital Improvement Program funding strategy. The Interest & Sinking Fund has sufficient capacity to incur the required debt service and does not require an increase in the total ad valorem tax rate.

ORDINANCE NO. 3703

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS TAX NOTE, SERIES 2026; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID NOTE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Waxahachie, Texas Tax Note, Series 2026; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the payment of said note; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

- 18. 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 the appointment, evaluation, duties or dismissal of any member of a City board or commission, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.074; to consult with City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with City Code and Charter provisions and consultation with City Attorney regarding pending and anticipated litigation, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, and all matters incident and related thereto**

Mayor Wallace announced at 8:44 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 the appointment, evaluation, duties or dismissal of any member of a City board or commission, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.074; to consult with City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with City Code and Charter provisions and consultation with City Attorney regarding pending and anticipated litigation, as permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, and all matters incident and related thereto.

19. Reconvene and take any necessary action

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to authorize the City Attorney to file litigation regarding the property located at 216 N. College Street and to undertake any action incident and related thereto. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

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

City Manager Ricky Boyd thanked Ms. Bell for her courageous actions in rescuing a young man from Lake Waxahachie and expressed appreciation for her willingness to take action. He also encouraged residents to prepare for the upcoming weekend weather, noted that City staff were making preparations, and urged citizens to stay safe and consider remaining at home.

Council Member Chris Wright congratulated and thanked Ms. Bell for her courageous rescue efforts and also thanked a resident who addressed Council to express appreciation. He further stated his intent to visit the Minto Community development in Florida to gain firsthand insight and report back to Council prior to the upcoming vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Souter noted that Council Member Wright's planned visit to a Minto Community development is being undertaken at his own expense and thanked him for his efforts. He commended Ms. Bell for her heroic actions in saving a life. Mayor Pro Tem Souter also acknowledged Crime Stoppers Awareness Month and encouraged residents to look out for one another, particularly the elderly and those with health concerns during upcoming cold weather. He concluded by thanking City staff for their continued work and dedication on the Minto project.

Mayor Billie Wallace congratulated Ms. Bell for her heroic actions and praised her quick response in saving a life. She also acknowledged City staff for responding to citizen safety concerns through the installation of a stop sign at Broadhead and Garden Valley, noting the City's continued focus on public safety. Mayor Wallace recognized Crime Stoppers and its long-standing partnership with law enforcement, emphasizing its value as a resource for anonymous reporting. She concluded by reminding residents to prepare for upcoming cold weather by protecting plants, pipes, people, and pets, and encouraged everyone to stay safe and warm.

21. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary