

City Council
April 6, 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 Monday, April 6, 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
Shon Brooks, Assistant 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 April as “Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Month”

Council Member Chris Wright introduced Wendell Paul Cooke as the April Honorary Council Member. Mr. Cooke was born in 1928 in Ellis County, Texas, growing up in a large, deeply rooted local family. In 1944, he and his brother founded The Cooke Brothers Bluegrass Band, one of Texas’s earliest bluegrass groups. The band became a long-standing family tradition, performing for over 80 years, earning awards, and appearing on major shows, including one hosted by Bill Monroe.

Alongside his music career, Wendell worked as a farmer before spending 40 years with the Texas State Highway Department, contributing to the design and inspection of major highways and local roads in Ellis County. He married Marva Atkeisson in 1954, and they raised four daughters together.

Wendell has also been active in his church, serving as an elder and participating in mission work in Romania for decades. Now living in Waxahachie, he and Marva enjoy time with their large, multigenerational family and remain active in their community.

Mayor Wallace read a proclamation recognizing April as “Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Month.”

5. Public Comments

Michael Myers, 115 Hummingbird Lane, Ovilla, Texas, a Democratic candidate for Texas House District 10 running against Brian Harrison, introduced himself and announced upcoming campaigning in Ellis County. He emphasized growing Democratic momentum in Texas and said that, if elected, he would prioritize local control, support city leadership, and represent constituents' views directly in his voting decisions.

Ariana Gilbreath, 215 San Jacinto, Waxahachie, Texas, requested to add safer, local family entertainment options, noting limited choices and the need to travel elsewhere for activities.

Linda Needham, 112 Gayleh Lane, Waxahachie, Texas, raised concerns about ongoing sewage issues at her daughter's home, where repeated backups require frequent City intervention. She urged the City to implement a permanent fix, address overgrown maintenance areas, and ensure proper upkeep, noting the problem has persisted for years and is affecting her family's health and quality of life.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the City Council meeting of March 16, 2026
- b. Event application for 9th Annual Cops and Kids Picnic to be held April 18, 2026 at Getzendaner Park
- c. Event application for Police Memorial to be held May 15, 2026 at Pocket Park
- d. Event application for Marvel Super Series to be held June 12, 2026 at the Waxahachie Sports Complex
- e. Event application for Youth Work Fastpitch Classic to be held July 10, 2026 at the Waxahachie Sports Complex
- f. Event application for DFW Youth World Baseball Classic to be held July 31, 2026 at the Waxahachie Sports Complex
- g. Event application for Armed Forces Brawl to be held December 11, 2026 at the Waxahachie Sports Complex
- h. Appointment to the Mid-Way Regional Airport Joint Airport Board to fill an unexpired term
- i. Contract award to Binswinger Glass for Exterior Glass Door Replacement Project in the amount of \$209,600
- j. Professional Design Services Contract for City Hall Renovations and Addition in the amount of \$587,600.00
- k. Contract for Island Renovations throughout the Sports Complex in the amount of \$119,500.00
- l. Supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$74,708.50 for TIFMAS Deployment overtime reimbursement
- m. Supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3,527.03 for TIFMAS Deployment travel reimbursement
- n. Downtown Building Improvement Program Grant Application for 203–207 S. College Street
- o. Tri-party Agreement allowing the assignment of the Development Agreement from WJSG to Industrial VI

- p. Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract for the City Facilities Remodel and Expansion Projects at 820 Ferris Avenue & 401 S. Rogers Street in the amount of \$1,250,499.00

Action:

Chris Wright moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda and authorize the City Manager and/or Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

7. Public Hearing on a request by Kevin Patel, Triangle Engineering, for a Zoning Change from a Planned Development-42-Commercial (PD-42-C) zoning district to Planned Development – Commercial (PD-C) zoning district for a Crunch Fitness (Indoor Amusement) located directly adjacent to 150 Bessie Coleman Blvd (Property ID 223131) – Owner(s): BOMAC Waxahachie Investments, LLC (ZDC-173-2025)

Trenton Robertson, Planning Director, presented the Item and applicant Lance Cooper requested approval. The applicant proposes a Planned Development – Commercial (PD-C) zoning district to allow for development of an Indoor Amusement use (Crunch Fitness) on approximately 17.783 acres located adjacent to 150 Bessie Coleman Boulevard. The subject property is currently located within the Planned Development-42-Commercial (PD-42-C) zoning district. The proposed use of “Indoor Amusement” is permitted within the current PD-42-C zoning district, but due to several deviations from the base parking and site design regulations under the current zoning district, the applicant proposes a zoning change to a new Planned Development. The applicant proposes to establish specific development standards that are appropriate for Crunch Fitness and the surrounding area.

The Planned Development is proposed to allow for a Crunch fitness as the primary use. Crunch Fitness is a membership-only indoor fitness center, with membership plans ranging from \$9.99-\$29.99 a month. The typical operating hours for Crunch Fitness are varied throughout the week with operating hours ranging from Monday through Thursday from 5:00am to 11:00pm, Friday from 5:00am to 10:00pm, and Sunday through Saturday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The applicant anticipates between 13-20 individuals to be employed in total with 5-8 employees working each shift at this location.

The applicant has provided a Detailed Site Plan for the subject property, which is designed around an approximately 38,673 square-foot structure that will contain Crunch Fitness. The development is proposed to be situated on a single lot. The site is designed to adhere to the minimum setback requirements of the Commercial (C) zoning district. However, it is important to note that the proposed structure is situated approximately 93’ from the nearest adjacent single-family residential lot in the Mustang Creek neighborhood located directly east of the subject property. The dumpster enclosure for the site is situated at the west of the primary building, which is setback approximately 333’ from the nearest adjacent single-family residential lot. The dumpster enclosure will be properly screened. The proposed Site Plan includes a total of 238 parking spaces, which deviates from the typical minimum requirement for Indoor Amusement uses of 387 parking spaces. In lieu of this reduced parking proposal, the property owner proposes to install a 6’ concrete walking trail connection that extends along the southern portion of the subject property from US Highway 77 to Mustang Creek Park. The length of the trail connection from Crunch Fitness to Mustang Creek

Park is approximately 1,600 feet. In addition to construction of the trail, the property owner proposes to dedicate approximately ten (10) acres of land where the trail is situated to be incorporated into Mustang Creek Park. The construction of the trail and dedication of park land is proposed in lieu of payment of park land dedication fees. However, it is important to note that the value of the trail construction and land dedication is significantly greater than the \$10,669 in fees that would otherwise be owed. The Parks & Recreation Department is supportive of the proposed dedication.

The subject property is proposed to have a total of two (2) points of access. One (1) access point is proposed to be situated along Bessie Coleman Blvd and one (1) access point is proposed as a driveway connection to the Sprout's tract along the western portion of the subject property, as shown on the Detailed Site Plan. The applicant is proposing to construct all internal drive aisles and driveway connections to the Sprout's tract within mutual access easements.

The applicant has provided a Landscape Plan that identifies the proposed landscaping for the site. The proposed landscaping does meet the minimum requirements of the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance. Notably, the applicant has clustered required landscaping along the eastern property line to provide a buffer between the parking stalls and the adjacent single-family zoned property. The dumpster enclosure also is proposed be screened by landscaping as required by the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance.

The applicant proposes to install a 6' masonry screening wall along western edge of the overhead electric easement that is situated between the Crunch Fitness building and the Mustang Creek Neighborhood. The screening wall is proposed to match the wall currently under construction for the Sprout's store.

The applicant has provided an Elevation/Façade Plan as part of the Planned Development proposal. The Crunch Fitness structure is proposed to feature 90-100% masonry exterior construction materials for facades. These masonry materials are primarily made up of Brick Veneer, Stone Veneer, Pre-Case Stone, and Stucco. The exterior construction materials are proposed to be painted with a mixed earth tone pallet with black and orange accents, which are Crunch Fitness' typical brand colors. The primary structure meets the articulation requirements of the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance. Enhanced articulation is proposed at several key locations that are accessible to customers. All rooftop equipment will be properly screened.

The applicant has proposed a dedicated Signage Plan with this PD application that includes wall signage and a monument sign along Bessie Coleman Boulevard. The proposed monument sign is a total 79 square feet and meets the typical height and size requirements of the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance. The monument sign is proposed to feature the Crunch Fitness typical logo. The proposed wall signs for the development meet the square footage allowed by the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance.

The applicant has provided a Photometric Plan with this Planned Development application to demonstrate compliance with the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance. The Photometric Plan does adhere to the requirements of the Waxahachie Lighting and Glare standards. Staff has verified that all wall-mounted and pole-mounted light fixtures are designed to be directed downward towards the site and will be equipped with shields to further mitigate light trespass on adjacent properties.

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. Staff received two (2) letters of support and zero (0) letters of opposition for the PD request.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:31 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-173-2025, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:32 p.m.

Council Member Travis Smith and staff discussed the outdated parking requirement of 387 spaces for a new gym, noting it caused significant delays and hindrance. Staff explained the high number was intended to accommodate peak usage, but both Council and the developer agreed it often results in overparking and underutilized spaces. Alternatives, such as optional parking, trail-side outdoor areas, and operational adjustments, were considered, but Mr. Cooper noted removing spaces could create spillover issues. Councilman Smith emphasized that rigid parking mandates represent government overreach, wasted months of staff and developer time, and highlighted the need for a future ordinance to modernize parking requirements. Mr. Robertson explained staff is working on updated parking requirements to bring to City Council for consideration.

8. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-173-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 3715

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ZONING CHANGE FROM A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-42-COMMERICAL (PD-42-C) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT – COMMERICAL (PD-C) LOCATED AT 170 BESSIE COLEMAN BLVD IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING 17.783 ACRES KNOWN AS PART OF ABSTRACT NO. 629 OF THE H LEVY SURVEY, PROPERTY ID: 223131, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve ZDC-173-2025, a Zoning Change request from a Planned Development-42-Commercial (PD-42-C) zoning district to Planned Development – Commercial (PD-C) zoning district for a Crunch Fitness, subject to the conditions of the staff report, with the addition of the option to exclude the additional parking spots near the trail, authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute all documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

9. Consider Development Agreement for ZDC-173-2025

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve the Development Agreement for ZDC-173-2025. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

10. Public Hearing on a request by Derrick Kindred Jr for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Accessory Structure exceeding seven hundred (700) square feet use within a Single-Family-1 (SF-1) and Planned Development-23-Single Family-1 (PD-23-SF-1) zoning district located at 162 Aria Drive (Property ID 300448) - Owner: Derrick Kindred Jr. & Zahna Kindred (ZDC-3-2026)

Mr. Robertson presented the Item. The applicant proposes a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to construct an accessory structure which exceeds seven hundred (700) square feet at 162 Aria Drive. The Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance requires City Council to approve a SUP to allow accessory structures over 700 square feet in size.

According to the Ellis County Appraisal District, the existing single-family dwelling is approximately 4,695 square feet. The proposed accessory structure is one-story and has an area of 1,500 square feet. The proposed accessory structure does meet the setback requirements of the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance for accessory structures in the Planned Development-23-Single-Family-1 (PD-23-SF-1) & Single-Family-1 (SF-1) zoning districts. The exterior of the accessory structure is comprised entirely of metal panels and is proposed to be used for storage and personal recreation uses. In addition, the space will not be used as a parking space for personal vehicles and the proposed structure will utilize electricity and plumbing that won't be separately metered from the primary structure.

The applicant has confirmed to staff that the structure will not be used as a dwelling or short-term rental and will not be metered, sold, or leased separately from the existing primary structure. The applicant also noted that this structure will not be used for commercial purposes.

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, ten notices were mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the request. Staff has received zero (0) letters of opposition and one (1) letter of support for the SUP request.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:44 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-3-2026, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:44 p.m.

Councilman Smith and staff discussed ways to reduce redundant approvals for projects that already meet City requirements. Staff explained they are working on amendments to allow certain developments to be approved administratively, reserving Council review for special exceptions. This would streamline the process, reduce unnecessary meetings, and empower staff to handle routine approvals efficiently. Councilman Wright also noted the importance of aligning future changes with upcoming state legislative actions to avoid repeated revisions.

11. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-3-2026

ORDINANCE NO. 3716

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE EXCEEDING SEVEN HUNDRED (700) SQUARE FEET USE WITHIN THE SINGLE-FAMILY-1 (SF-1) & PLANNED DEVELOPMENT-23-SINGLE-FAMILY-1 (PD-23-SF-1) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 162 ARIA DRIVE, BEING PROPERTY ID 300448, IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING LOT 19, BLOCK A OF THE TUSCAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve ZDC-3-2026, Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Accessory Structure exceeding seven hundred (700) square feet in use, subject to the conditions of the staff report, authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to sign the associated documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

12. Public Hearing on a request by Eric Green for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Accessory Structure +700 Square feet use within a Single Family-1 (SF-1) zoning district located at 120 Paradise Cove (Property ID 295591) - Owner: Eric Green & Susan Green (ZDC-8-2026)

Mr. Robertson presented the Item. The applicant proposes a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to construct 1200 square foot carport at 120 Paradise Cove. The structure has a maximum height of 12', a width of 30', a length of 40' and will consist of metal panels. The structure will be located in the rear yard with an approach extending from the driveway. According to the Ellis County Appraisal District, the primary structure on the subject property is approximately 3,429 square feet. According to the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance, any accessory structure over 700 square feet is required to obtain a SUP in the SF-1 Zoning District.

The applicant proposes to utilize the structure for personal parking.

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, 13 notices were mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the request. Staff has received zero (0) letters of support and zero (0) letters of opposition to the SUP request.

Mayor Wallace opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:47 p.m.

There being no others to speak for or against ZDC-8-2026, Mayor Wallace closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:47 p.m.

13. Consider proposed Ordinance approving ZDC-8-2026

ORDINANCE NO. 3717

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO PERMIT AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE +700 SQUARE FEET USE WITHIN A SINGLE FAMILY-1 (SF-1) ZONING DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 120 PARADISE COVE, BEING PROPERTY ID 295591, IN THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING LOT 13, BLOCK A IN THE LAKEWAY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AND ORDERING THE CHANGING OF THE ZONING MAP THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID CHANGE.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to approve ZDC-8-2026, a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for an Accessory Structure exceeding seven hundred (700) square feet in use, subject to the conditions of the staff report, authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to sign the associated documents accordingly. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried unanimously (5-0).

14. Second reading of proposed Ordinance approving the Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC Franchise Agreement

Dustin Deel, Director of Administrative Services, presented the Item. Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC has submitted a proposed franchise utility agreement ordinance to the City of Waxahachie. The agreement authorizes Oncor to continue utilizing the City's public rights-of-way to construct, operate, and maintain electric transmission and distribution facilities necessary to provide electric service to residents and businesses within the city.

The proposed ordinance renews the City's electric franchise relationship with Oncor for a twenty (20) year term, consistent with the term of the prior franchise agreement. The ordinance reflects standard franchise provisions used by municipalities throughout Texas, is generally consistent with previously approved franchise agreements, and has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

The agreement establishes the rights and responsibilities of both the City and Oncor, including operational standards, restoration requirements, indemnification provisions, and franchise fee obligations.

In accordance with the City Charter, the franchise utility agreement ordinance must be publicly read at two City Council meetings and published in the City's newspaper of record four consecutive times prior to adoption. This item represents the second reading and final adoption will be scheduled for the April 6, 2026 City Council meeting.

The franchise utility agreement provides ongoing franchise fee revenue to the City based on electric service within the city limits. Franchise fees are deposited into the General Fund. During the prior fiscal year, franchise revenues totaled \$2,240,310.67.

Second reading of proposed Ordinance by Mayor Wallace:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC POWER FRANCHISE TO USE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERM OF SAID FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL EXISTING FRANCHISE ORDINANCES TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS PREDECESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

- 15. Consider proposed Ordinance approving the Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC Franchise Agreement**

ORDINANCE NO. 3718

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC POWER FRANCHISE TO USE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERM OF SAID FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL EXISTING FRANCHISE ORDINANCES TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS PREDECESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve the renewal of the Franchise Utility Agreement Ordinance with Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

- 16. Consider service contract for pressure pavement preservation in the amount of \$1,183,852.00**

Justin Stoker, Director of Public Works and Engineering, presented the Item. The application of Pressure Pave - Modified Aggregate Quick Set Systems will protect and extend the pavement's life. This sole-source product is a cost-effective solution that pressure-injects a crack sealant into pavement while simultaneously applying a durable thin asphalt overlay. The project includes the following asphalt streets:

1.	Briar Ln	from	River Oaks Blvd	to	Deerwood Ln
2.	Bryn Mawr Ln	from	River Oaks Blvd	to	Driftwood Ln
3.	Chevy Chase Ln	from	River Oaks Blvd	to	Deerwood Ln
4.	Deerwood Ln	from	Tanglewood Ln	to	Chevy Chase Ln
5.	Driftwood Ln	from	River Oaks Blvd	to	Tanglewood Ln
6.	River Oaks Blvd	from	Post Oak Dr	to	Farley St
7.	Tanglewood Ln	from	River Oaks Blvd	to	Driftwood Ln
8.	Drexel Dr	from	Randle Ct	to	Lexington Dr
9.	Fordyce Cir	from	Drexel Dr	to	East CDS
10.	Lexington Dr	from	Peter St	to	Vermont St
11.	Peter St	from	Park School House Rd	to	Graham St
12.	Vermont St	from	Lexington Dr	to	1500 Vermont St
13.	Patrick St	from	Railroad Tracks	to	W Marvin St
14.	Sycamore St	from	E University Ave	to	Ferris Ave
15.	W Madison St	from	Patterson St	to	Monroe St
16.	Jackson St	from	Madison St	to	Jefferson St
17.	Franklin St	from	Jackson St	to	College St
18.	Indian Dr	from	Hwy 77	to	Brown St

This product will protect and extend the life of roads in medium to good condition.

This is an approved project with a budget of \$800,000 in the FY2026 Streets Operating Fund. The contract with Donelson Construction Company, LLC is for \$743,618. However, city staff requests to maximize the \$800,000 budget by utilizing a contingency of \$56,382, allowing the addition of other road segments as budget permits. This will take advantage of cost savings realized while the contractor is already mobilized.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to approve a service contract with Donelson Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$743,618 for Pressure Pave asphalt preservation, and an additional contingency of \$56,382 and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Patrick Souter and carried unanimously (5-0).

17. Consider Waxahachie Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission Application Process and Compliance Form

Rhyan Phillips, Chair of the Waxahachie Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission, requested approval of the proposed formal application process for nonprofit organizations to apply for a portion of the 25% of Hotel-Motel Tax revenue designated for arts and historic preservation. The Commission has used the statutory guidelines governing hotel-motel tax expenditures as a framework. Additionally, the Commission has created an annual compliance reporting form that funding recipients will be required to complete, detailing how awarded funds were utilized.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve the Waxahachie Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission application process and compliance form. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins 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 8:03 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 9:36 p.m.

No action taken.

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

This item was discussed before Executive Session.

Council Member Travis Smith noted City Council has heard from Michael Myers, as well as Matt Authier and Jon Garrett during their campaigns, but Brian Harrison has not attended or engaged here to date. Mr. Smith welcomed Mr. Harrison's participation.

Council Member Tres Atkins thanked Councilman Wright for recognizing the Cooke family, noting their longstanding presence in the community and fond memories of their bluegrass music.

City Manager Ricky Boyd recognized the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee for their achievements and thanked them for their efforts. Mr. Boyd reminded everyone about the upcoming election, noting that early voting begins April 20th, with Election Day on May 2nd, and encouraged participation in the Council race and related propositions.

Council Member Chris Wright expressed his appreciation to participants who participated during public comments and noted his intention to allow citizens to speak during public hearings without prior registration. Mr. Wright congratulated recent national award recipients and recognized the Fire and Police Officers of the Year honored by the Rotary Club. He announced that the Rotary Club of Waxahachie will host the Carry the Load event in Ellis County on Saturday, May 23rd. The event will take place along Brown Street to honor veterans and first responders.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Souter recognized the upcoming Carry the Load event, praising the Rotary Club for bringing it to Waxahachie after years of effort. Mr. Souter also expressed gratitude to members of city boards and commissions, including the Keep Waxahachie Beautiful Committee and the Waxahachie Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission, recognizing their dedication, hard work, and passion in projects that enhance the city's beauty.

Mayor Billie Wallace recognized David Bailey for his 35 years of outstanding service to the city and thanked all City staff and first responders for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to keeping the community strong.

21. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Villarreal, City Secretary