

City Council
May 12, 2026

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 May 12, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

Council Member Patrick Souter gave the invocation. Mayor Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Canvass and accept votes of City Council General and Special Election held on May 2, 2026

Mayor Wallace canvassed the election returns of the City Council General and Special Election held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 as follows:

Place 1	William “Tres” Atkins	1,006
Place 1	R. “Alexx” Alexander	496
Total Votes Cast:		1,502
Place 2	Patrick Souter	1,092
Total Votes Cast:		1,092
Place 3	Chris Wright	1,113
Total Votes Cast:		1,113
Proposition A	For	1,289
	Against	269

Total Votes Cast: 1,558

Proposition B	For	826
	Against	742

Total Votes Cast: 1,568

Action:

Travis Smith moved to accept the election returns of the City Council General and Special Election held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

6. Administer Oath of Office to Council Member Place 1, Council Member Place 2, and Council Member Place 3

City Secretary Amber Villarreal administered the Oaths of Office to William “Tres” Atkins, Council Member Place 1, Patrick Souter, Council Member Place 2, and Chris Wright, Council Member Place 3.

7. Organization of City Council

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to nominate Billie Wallace to serve as Mayor of the City of Waxahachie. Motion was seconded by Travis Smith and carried 4-1, with Chris Wright voting in opposition.

Action:

Tres Atkins moved to nominate Travis Smith to serve as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Waxahachie. Motion was seconded by Billie Wallace and carried 3-2, with Chris Wright and Patrick Souter voting in opposition.

8. Consider proposed Resolution adopting a revised charter, as approved and amended by the voters at the election held on May 2, 2026, through the passage of three (3) home-rule charter amendments

City Attorney Terry Welch presented a Resolution to formally adopt revisions to the City of Waxahachie Home-Rule Charter approved by voters on May 2, 2026. The amendments:

- Establish three-year staggered terms for the Mayor and four at-large council members;
- Require majority vote elections with runoff procedures if no candidate receives a majority;
- Clarify the mayor’s ceremonial and presiding role and the selection of the Mayor Pro Tem;
- Update rules for council vacancies, forfeiture of office, and appointment or election procedures to fill vacancies.

The Resolution also confirms the election results, incorporates the approved amendments into the official city charter, and makes the changes effective upon passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 1400

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A REVISED CHARTER, AS APPROVED AND AMENDED BY THE VOTERS AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF THREE (3) HOME-RULE CHARTER AMENDMENTS; MAKING FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action:

Travis Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 1400 as presented. Motion was seconded by Tres Atkins and carried unanimously (5-0).

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

Assistant City Manager Shon Brooks congratulated the officials who were reelected.

Deputy City Manager Albert Lawrence congratulated the officials who were re-elected and acknowledged the newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem Travis Smith.

Mayor Pro Tem Travis Smith reflected on the long process behind the recently approved Charter amendments, noting that public discussions began in February 2021. He said he was pleased to see the effort finally come to fruition and noted that this would be the last time the council appoints a Mayor, since citizens will now have that responsibility.

Council Member Tres Atkins congratulated the re-elected council members, said he is excited to serve another two years, and expressed his eagerness to continue the progress the council has made and get back to work for the community.

City Manager Ricky Boyd congratulated the three re-elected council members and thanked them for continuing to serve. He said he appreciated working with the current council team, congratulated the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on their new roles, and thanked City Secretary Amber Villarreal and City Attorney Terry Welch for their hard work managing the election process behind the scenes.

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Council Member Chris Wright congratulated Mr. Smith and Ms. Wallace on their new positions and said the council faces difficult budget decisions in the coming year, particularly regarding capital improvement projects. He emphasized the need for teamwork to address funding priorities and move forward effectively.

Council Member Patrick Souter congratulated Mayor Wallace and Mayor Pro Tem Smith on their appointments and Chris Wright and Tres Atkins on their re-election. He expressed hope that the progress made on community issues in recent years would continue and emphasized the importance of working together and prioritizing citizens' needs over personal interests.

Mayor Billie Wallace congratulated the re-elected council members and thanked City Secretary Amber Villarreal, City Attorney Terry Welch, and City Manager Ricky Boyd for their hard work during a challenging couple of years. She stated it was an honor to continue serving as Mayor of Waxahachie and praised both the community and fellow council members, noting that each person brings value to the team. Mayor Wallace emphasized the importance of teamwork and said the city's success depends on the contributions of many people, not just the Mayor.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
City Secretary