

A G E N D A

A *special meeting* of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas to be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas, on ***Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.***

Council Members: David Hill, Mayor, Council Member Place 1
Mary Lou Shipley, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Council Member
Melissa Olson, Council Member Place 3
Doug Barnes, Council Member Place 2

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance
4. ***Public Comments:*** Persons may address the City Council on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Council on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
5. Canvass and accept votes of City Council Election held on May 1, 2021
6. Consider proposed Ordinance ordering a Runoff Election for At-Large Council Member Place 4 and At-Large Council Member Place 5
7. Comments by Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Manager
8. Adjourn

The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive Session on any posted item.

This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. Parking for mobility impaired persons is available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call the City Secretary at 469-309-4005 or (TDD) 1-800-RELAY TX

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CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ORDERING THAT A RUNOFF ELECTION BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING AN AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 4 AND AN AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 5; PROVIDING FOR A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH THE ELLIS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2021, an election was held for Council Member Place 4 and Council Member Place 5; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the election, no candidate in either Place 4 or Place 5 received a majority (over 50%) of all votes casts; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.01(c) of the City Charter provides, in pertinent part, that “[i]n the event a candidate fails to receive a majority of all votes for a City Council Place, a runoff election shall be conducted between the two (2) candidates who received the highest number of votes for that City Council Place;” and

WHEREAS, candidates Billie Wallace and Paul Christenson were the two (2) candidates who received the highest number of votes for Council Member Place 4 and, accordingly, must compete in a runoff election to determine who shall be elected to Council Member Place 4; and

WHEREAS, candidates Travis M. Smith and Charles “Chuck” Beatty were the two (2) candidates who received the highest number of votes for Council Member Place 5 and, accordingly, must compete in a runoff election to determine who shall be elected to Council Member Place 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. A runoff election for Council Member Place 4 between Billie Wallace and Paul Christenson; and Council Member Place 5 between Travis M. Smith and Charles “Chuck” Beatty; shall be conducted on Saturday, June 5, 2021 for the Waxahachie City Council, and it is hereby so ordered.

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SECTION 3. City of Waxahachie city officials are authorized and directed to contract with Ellis County Elections Administrator (hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Officer” for Election Services.)

SECTION 4. Contracting Officer shall be responsible for performing duties and shall furnish services and equipment as outlined in Exhibit “A” and in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5. The runoff election shall be conducted with bilingual (English and Spanish) election materials and methods, in accordance with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

SECTION 6. The Council finds that an emergency involving efficient daily operations of the City is involved, and that this ordinance will become effective immediately.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF MAY 2021.

David Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Villarreal, Acting City Secretary

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert F. Brown, City Attorney