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## **Headline: Waxahachie City Councilman John Wray Announces Re-election Bid**

John Wray has announced his campaign for re-election to the Waxahachie City Council. Wray began his service on the Council in May 2008, and is seeking a second, two-year term.

During his first term on the Council, Wray is proud that he maintained an open door policy to Waxahachie voters. "I have consistently made myself available to the citizens to discuss their concerns regarding city government," Wray said. "When making decisions on the council, I have always worked to be responsive to the desires that citizens have expressed to me.

"I have not been afraid to jump out front and lead on several of the important issues our city has confronted over the past two years, including improvements to the municipal court, modifying our architectural and building standards, and long-term transportation issues. In fact, my leadership on some of those issues has been the most rewarding aspect of my service on the Council, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving Waxahachie citizens."

Wray noted that his Council experience is an asset for voters. "Prior to being elected to the Waxahachie City Council, I always felt I had a good understanding of the workings of city government, but I have learned so much more during the past two years through my service as a councilman," he said.

"In the very near future, the City will face a challenging budget process for 2011. I am committed to balancing our budget without raising property taxes, despite flat or falling sales tax revenue. As a small business owner, I understand that city government must tighten its belt when income falls, much the same as families and small businesses do when confronted with the same scenario. At the same time, the City must find resources to support and improve emergency services and other fundamental infrastructure needs. I would like to put my two-years of experience on the Council back to work to address the City's challenges."

Wray is a local attorney who graduated from Texas A&M University, followed by the University of Texas Law School. After spending the first six years of his career living and working in Houston, Wray returned to Waxahachie in 2002.

Wray is a native of Waxahachie and a graduate of Waxahachie public schools. He is married to Michele Morgan Wray, also a Waxahachie native. The couple has two children, ages 6 and 9.

Wray and his family are active members of the First United Methodist Church in Waxahachie. Wray has served in various volunteer and civic capacities over the years, including chairing the United Way's capital campaign for 2007, and serving as Chairman of the Boy Scouts' Bluebonnet District.

Wray's campaign for re-election to the Council has been endorsed by the local chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters, and Wray was voted "Best Municipal Elected Official" by WNI newspaper readers in 2009.