

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened at 6:32 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a special meeting with the following members present:

Mayor Arthur L. Miner (absent with notice)
Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member, Place 6 Mark Taylor
Council Member, Place 1 Scott Prescher (absent with notice)
Council Member, Place 2 Tom Snyder
Council Member, Place 3 Lovie Downey
Council Member, Place 4 Andrew Neal
Council Member, Place 5 Juanita King
Council Member, Place 7 Kim Irving

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager
Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary
George Hyde, Interim City Attorney
Raquel Guajardo, Assistant to the City Secretary
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/PIO

Mayor Pro Tem announced this is a joint special meeting with the Charter Review Commission.

Charter Review Commission called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Roll Call

Board Member	Pete Bierschmitt
Board Member	Leah Chauvin
Commissioner	Becky Hartless
Board Member	Andrew Ivey
Board Member	Kip Woodruff

Board Member	Lee Griffin (absent)
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INVOCATION

The invocation was given Council Member, Kim Irving.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag was lead by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas ordering a special election to be held on November 5, 2019 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters, for adoption or rejection, certain proposed amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Watauga, Texas; stating the subject matter of the proposed amendments; providing for a joint election; establishing election precincts, precinct polling places and early polling places for such election; making provisions for the conduct of the election; providing for the approval of such amendment or amendments upon a majority of the vote; providing a method for adoption of same

CITY OF WATAUGA TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 2019-010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS; STATING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A JOINT ELECTION; ESTABLISHING ELECTION PRECINCTS, PRECINCT POLLING PLACES AND EARLY POLLING PLACES FOR SUCH ELECTION; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF SUCH AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENTS UPON A MAJORITY OF THE VOTE; PROVIDING A METHOD FOR ADOPTION OF SAME; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, AS APPLICABLE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The floor was yielded to the City Attorney, George Hyde, who gave explanations of the law regarding charter amendment procedures and went through the draft recommended amendments to the City of Watauga Charter as outlined in Ordinance 2019-010.

The City Attorney explained the ordinance requires a vote of the people of Watauga, Texas and gave the deadlines required by law to have an election.

Mayor Pro Tem yielded the floor to Board Member Bierschmitt, who called for comments from the Board Members of the Charter Review Commission. After

discussion with the City Attorney, City Council and staff regarding clarifications of procedures, the Charter Commission called for a motion.

A motion was made by Board Member Woodruff to accept the item as presented for recommendation to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hartless. The vote passed as follows: 5-0-1-0

AYES: Bierschmitt, Chauvin, Hartless, Ivey, Woodruff
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Lee
ABSTAIN: None

The Charter Review Commission yielded the floor back to the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor called for public testimony as follows:

Danielle Tucker, 5952 Highcrest Dr made comments regarding the City as a whole, city plans, and the people. She read a verse from scripture.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor asked for Council comments and questions.

Council Member Neal asked a question regarding Proposition D and the expiration of the Mayor's term.

Council Member Downey commented on the number of propositions being requested for the ballot for voting.

City Attorney, George Hyde, responded to questions and comments and provided clarification.

Council Member Neal made a motion to accept the item and schedule the election for November 5, 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member Snyder. The vote passed as follows: 6-0-1-0

AYES: Snyder, Neal, King, Downey, Taylor, Irving
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Prescher
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Pro Tem yielded the floor to Board Member Bierschmitt, who adjourned the Charter Review Commission meeting at 7:51 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor adjourned the Special Council Meeting at 7:52 P.M.

APPROVED:

this 9th day of Sept, 2019

SIGNED:

this the 9th day of Sept, 2019

APPROVED:

/s/ Arthur L. Miner
Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrea Gardner
Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

NOTE: Original Audio and Video Recording of this meeting is preserved and maintained by the City Secretary's Office