MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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 6:33 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a special meeting with the following members present:

Mayor Arthur L. Miner
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
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance
Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Raquel Guajardo, Assistant to the City Secretary
Sal Torres, Director of Parks and Community Services
Paul Hackleman, Director of Public Works
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/PIO

INVOCATION

The invocation was given Chief Robert Parker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the American Flag and Texas Flag was lead by Mayor Miner

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of the City of Watauga Capital Outlay Plan

   Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview of the City of Watauga Capital Outlay Plan. The plan overview included prioritizing city assets and the committee process used to discuss and justify prioritization.

Council had various questions and discussion with staff regarding vehicles and other replacement needs.

2. Presentation of the City of Watauga's Personnel Improvement Plan

Director of Human Resources, Marcia Reyna, gave an overview of the Personnel Improvement Plan. The plan laid out the personnel needs of the various city departments and the fiscal year the department would like to have the positions filled.

Council questioned the City's ability to have the funds to cover additional staffing needs and if there is a plan on savings in other areas and processes to cover these needs. City Manager, Andrea Gardner, explained there are different programs and other expenditure reduction avenues currently being vetted and discussed to help with these needs.

3. Discussion and direction on Dog Park Locations and Amenities.

Director of Parks and Community Services, Sal Torres, gave an overview and laid out the locations most suited to a dog park within the city and the amenities needed at each location.

Discussions between council and staff ensued regarding locations and amenities. No direction was provided.

4. Presentation of the City of Watauga's Capital Improvement Projects and Debt.

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview of the capital improvement projects and the debt involved with these projects.

Director of Parks and Community Services, Sal Torres, explained the status and stages of continuing parks projects.

Director of Public Works, Paul Hackleman, explained the status and stages of continuing public works projects.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:36 P.M.

1. Conduct a Public Hearing on a proposed tax rate of $0.58050 per $100 valuation for the FY 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

This is the first of two required public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate for FY 2019-2020.

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview presentation of the proposed tax rate.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.
A motion was by Council Member Downey to take a brief recess. The motion was seconded by Council Member Snyder.

The Mayor called the brief recess at 7:43 P.M

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 P.M.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on appointments and reappointments to the Watauga Library Board.

City Manager, Andrea Gardner, gave a brief overview of the item. The floor was yielded to Council Member, Kim Irving to give her recommendations.

Council Member Irving recommended Ms. Coy for Place 3, Mr. Woodruff for Place 7, Ms. Tucker for Place 1, and Ms. Price for Place 5.

Mayor opened the Public Testimony:

Lindsey Neal, 6920 Cheetham Drive, is a current library board member. She stated she would like to continue to serve as a library board member.

Kip Woodruff, 6905 Quail Meadow Drive, is a current library board member. He stated he would like to speak on behalf of Lindsey Neal. He recommended Ms. Neal be reappointed.

Jan Hill, 6444 West Ridge Drive, she made comments that the health or potential health issues of a citizen should not be a deterring factor on their ability to serve on a board for the City. She also commented that social media slandering someone's health should not be allowed.

Council had no comments.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem, Mark Taylor, to reappoint all the existing library board members as currently assigned. Lindsey Neal, Kip Woodruff, Carol Coy, and Sharon Subjeck. The motion was seconded by Council Member King. The vote passed as follows : 5-1-1-0.

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

Council Member, Kim Irving left the meeting at 8:07 P.M. No reason was provided.

2. Discuss and consider action to reschedule the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 20192020 Fiscal Year to September 9, 2019.

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview of the need to reschedule this item to September 9, 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Snyder to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neal. The vote passed as follows: 5-0-1-0.

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

3. Consider action on approving a contract with Entech Signs for a Continuous Electronic Variable Message Sign (CEVMS) to be located at the Hector F. Garcia Community Center. Paul Hackleman, P.E., CFM, Director of Public Works.

Director of Public Works, Paul Hackleman gave an overview of the item and to recommend awarding the contract to Entech. This is not a competitive bid situation.

Public Comment: There was none.

Council Member Neal asked questions regarding the warranty of 7 years on the sign.

A motion was made by Council Member Neal to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Downey. The vote passed as follows: 5-0-1-0.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:17 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

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