

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITELEY ROAD
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened in the Regular Meeting at 6:53 p.m. with the following members present:

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

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager/City Secretary
George Hyde, Interim City Attorney
Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary
Robert Parker, Chief of Police
Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance
Paul Hackelman, Director of Public Works
Marcia Reyna, Director of Human Resources/Civil Service
Lana Ewell, Library Director
Sal Torres, Parks Director
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/PIO

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Brian Downey, 6629 Murel Dr., Watauga, Texas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Arthur L. Miner led the pledges of allegiance to the United States flag and the State of Texas flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miner asked each Council Member for announcements. Council Member Downey made announcements for the Parks and Community Services for September 2019. The announcements were as follows:

September 13, 2019 Kids Fish and Camp Out, begins at 5:30 p.m.

September 23, 2019, Senior Crimes Program and Luncheon Event, begins at 11:00 a.m.

September 23, 2019, Art in the Park, begins at 6:00 p.m.

Get to know the Mayor followed by the Parks and Community Services Open House.

September 28, 2019, Scared to Run 5k and 1 mile Fun Walk. Registration is currently open, for more information visit the City of Watauga website.

There were no other announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

1. A Proclamation Declaring September Senior Center Month.
Sal Torres, Parks and Community Services
Director Andrea Gardner, City Manager/City Secretary
Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary.
2. Presentation of Service Awards for City of Watauga Employees celebrating a milestone anniversary during the month of September 2019
Andrea Gardner, City Manager/City Secretary.

City of Watauga Public Works employee, Felix Avila, celebrating 15 years with the City.

City of Watauga Public Works employee, Jeanette Garcia, celebrating 15 years with the City.

City of Watauga Finance Director, Sandra Gibson, celebrating 15 years with the City.

City of Watauga Assistant Library Director, Betty King, celebrating 25 years with the City.

City of Watauga Circulation Supervisor, Donna Sanderson, celebrating 25 years with the City.

3. **Presentation to the Watauga Police Department Explorer Cadets
Robert Parker, Chief of Police.**

Chief Parker recognized the Explorer Cadets for the Southeastern Law Enforcement Explorer Academy held in Biloxi, Mississippi. This was an eight day paramilitary style youth boot camp. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Anastasia Lee, Tristan Snyder, Kendra Snyder, and Officer Steve Gochal.

Chief Parker thanked the Council and Mayor for making this program possible for the City of Watauga.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Danielle Tucker, 5952 Highcrest Drive, introduced herself and stated she wanted everyone to be treated fairly. Ms. Tucker stated Watauga grows fruitful people.

Dianne Garrett, 6508 Lance Drive, stated the City was in a financial condition several years ago and after recovering it appears that the City is spending itself back into a financial situation.

Kim Foster, 6505 Lance Drive, asked that all disabled residents receive a discount on their utility bills. Ms. Foster stated she has brought this to the Council in the past and asked this Council to please consider those that live on a limited budget.

REPORTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

All of the items on the consent agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion, one second, and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items.

1. Consider action to approve a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Classification Plan for all employees Marcia Reyna, Human Resources and Civil Service Director.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-013

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WATAUGA, TEXAS AMENDING THE
CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR ALL POSITIONS
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019; PROVIDING FOR
REPEAL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2. Consider action to approve an ordinance to adopt the Personnel Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 {CAPTION} Marcia Reyna, Human Resources and Civil Service Director.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-011

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATAUGA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL IMPROVEMENT
PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2024; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL;
PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

3. Consider action to approve a resolution amending Policy 9.01 Mobile Communication Devices in the Personnel, Administration and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual Marcia Reyna, Human Resources and Civil Service Director.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-014

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA,
TEXAS AMENDING POLICY 9.01 MOBILE COMMUNICATION
DEVICES OF THE PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL REGARDING THE USE OF
MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND RETENTION OF CITY
INFORMATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS
CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4. Consider action to approve an Ordinance to adopt the Capital Outlay Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 Fiscal Year 2024 {CAPTION} Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-017

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WATAUGA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE CAPITAL
OUTLAY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2024;
PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS
CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5. Consider action on Monthly Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2019
Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.
6. Consider action on the July 30, 2019 Party City Business Recognition Event
Minutes; August 2, 2019 Coffee After Hours Minutes; August 5, 2019 Workshop
Minutes; August 5, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes; August 7, 2019 Budget
Workshop Minutes; 2019 Bi-Annual Bowling Mixer Minutes, August 12, 2019
Workshop Minutes, August 26, 2019 Special Council Meeting Minutes, August 15,
2019 Joint Special Meeting Minutes, and August 19, 2019 Special Council Meeting
Minutes. Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary.

A motion was made by Council Member Neal to approve the items as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Snyder. The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.**

Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020. The City Manager submitted the proposed budget on August 1, 2019 and Ms. Gibson stated the public hearing in the budget must be set and held on September 9, 2019. The budget must be adopted by September 15,

2019 according to city charter, but that is being done tonight on September 9, 2019. Ms. Gibson stated if the budget passes the implementation date is October 1, 2019.

Public Testimony:

Danielle Tucker, 5952 Highcrest Drive, commented she did not see an item regarding the renewal contract for the bulk trash service in the budget and asked about the rate increase amounts under the water/sewer. She stated residents have had trouble in the past with bulk garbage pickup.

Sandra Gibson responded there was a slight increase in water/sewer due to a fuel CPI rate which was effective July 1, 2019. She stated bulk trash services have until Wednesday and the City is notified when the services are rendered, however, if they are not rendered in a timely manner the City fines the company. This has happened a few times recently due to storms and debris.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on appointments and reappointments to the Charter Review Commission Andrea Gardner, City Manager.

Interim City Attorney, George Hyde, stated gave an overview of the actions taken on this item at the August 5, 2019 Special City Council meeting. He stated the actions taken at said meeting were not consistent with section 13.05 of the Watauga City Charter. Therefore the actions taken were not valid and the previous appointments were not effective and the places remain open for appointment.

The Mayor presented his original list from August 1, 2019 and stated he has made no changes to the appointment recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor made a motion to approve the appointments as originally recommended. Council Member Neal seconded the motion.

Interim City Attorney, George Hyde, requested the Mayor identify the slate of candidates for the record.

The candidates were as follows:

Place 1 Becky Hartless, reappointment with term expiring June 2021.

Place 2 Jan Hill, appoint to an unexpired term ending June 2020.

Place 3 Andrew Ivey, reappointment with term expiring June 2021.

Place 4 Leah Chauvin, current appointment with term expiring June 2020.

Place 5 Pete Beierschmitt, reappointment with term expiring June 2021.

Place 6 Lee Griffin, current appointment with term expiring June 2020.

Place 7 Kip Woodruff, reappointment with term expiring June 2021.

Mayor called for a vote on the above motion. The motion passed as follows: 6-1-0-0.

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

2. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to confirm the City of Watauga desires to continue imposing and receiving a share of the bingo prize fees from the licensed authorized organization within the City's jurisdiction as required by the amendments included in HB 914, passed during the 86th Legislative Session Andrea Gardner, City Manager.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-012

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPOSING AND RECEIVING A SHARE OF THE BINGO PRIZE FEES FROM THE LICENSED AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE CITY OF WATAUGA'S JURISDICTION; PROVIDING THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Manager/City Secretary, Andrea Gardner, gave an overview of the item and recommended approval of the item.

Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Neal made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member King. The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

2. Discuss and consider action on appointments and reappointments to the Board of Appeals Paul Hackleman, P.E., CFM, Director of Public Works.

Director of Public Works, Paul Hackleman, gave an overview of the Board and its needs. The Director stated the Board is made up of 5 members with 2 expiring next year and 3 positions open for appointments. The Board needs a minimum of 3 individuals to conduct business. Council Member Snyder and Council Member Neal are the liaisons for this board.

Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Snyder stated there are 2 applicants and 3 vacancies. One position will remain. Council Member Snyder made a motion for board appointments as follows:

Place 1 Danielle Tucker
Place 2 Mary Stormer
Place 3 Vacant

The motion was seconded by Council Member King. The motion passed as follows: 6-1-0-0.

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

4. Discuss and consider action on a resolution of the City of Watauga declaring the location for the Official Agenda and Public Notice Bulletin Board, the official email address for receiving Requests for Public Information, the location for Police and Fire Civil Service postings, and the location for breastfeeding mothers at work
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS, DECLARING THE LOCATION FOR THE PRINCIPAL BULLETIN BOARD OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA FOR MEETING AND OTHER REQUIRED NOTICES; FOR THE POSTING OF NOTICES RELATED TO CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS; DECLARING THE OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS; DECLARING A LOCATION WITHIN CITY HALL AS A LACTATION ROOM FOR BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS AT WORK; PROVIDING THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager/City Secretary, Andrea Gardner, gave an overview of the item and explained the purpose of the Resolution.

Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Irving made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Snyder. The motion passed as follows:

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

5. Discuss and consider action on approval of a proposed resolution that continues the Park Vista Public Improvement District through Fiscal Year 20192020
{CAPTION} Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-016

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE PARK VISTA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ESTABLISHED JANUARY 1999 AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 372 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT;

PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview of the item and stated the City maintains the Right of Way for this location but no additional services that would not be provided to any other neighborhood. Staff recommends this PID be continued and stated it cannot be discontinued without 50% of the homeowners or a homeowner association approval.

Council Member Neal made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Irving.

Council Member Prescher asked regarding the fence in Park Vista and the PID. He stated he was informed the City was to maintain the fence in that neighborhood. Director Gibson referred the question to Director Hackleman. Director Hackleman stated the referenced property agreement was implemented prior to his tenure with the City. He stated that he will check on the issue of the fence, however, it is his belief that the city's responsibility is to mow the grass and treat the PID the same as is done for the rest of the City. It would be necessary, if it is discovered, to allocate funds in the future for the fence to be maintained.

Interim City Attorney, George Hyde, then explained the legality of the services assessment and explained the need for a new assessment if the original funds were expelled.

Council Member Prescher commented he believes the City should maintain the fence if at all possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor commented what is done for one will have to be done for all.

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

The vote from the above motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

6. Discuss and consider action on approval of an ordinance authorizing the levying of an assessment rate of \$0.00 per \$100.00 of assessed value of property

located in the Park Vista Public Improvement District (PID) for FY20192020
{CAPTION} Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-013

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE PARK VISTA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, stated there was nothing to add to this agenda item.

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Irving made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Prescher. The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

7. Discuss and consider action on approval of the Watauga Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Budget for Fiscal Year 20192020 Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview of the item.

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Downey made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Neal. The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

The mayor adjourned the meeting for a ten-minute recess at 8:05 p.m.

The mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

8. Discuss and consider action on a resolution approving the Tax Assessment Roll for 2019 Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-017

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATAUGA, TEXAS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2019
TARRANT APPRAISAL DISTRICT CERTIFIED APPRAISAL
ROLL.**

Director of Finance, Sandra Gibson, gave an overview of the tax assessment roll.

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Neal made a motion to accept the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor. The motion passed as follows:
7-0-0-0.

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

9. Discuss and consider action on approval of an ordinance adopting and approving the City of Watauga Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020 {CAPTION} Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-014

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WATAUGA, TEXAS ADOPTING AND APPROVING A BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA;
PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE
BUDGET; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT**

**HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT
THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE,
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Prescher made a motion to move to adopt the ordinance providing for the FY 2019-2020 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

Council Member Prescher noted for the public, discussions have been extensive for months regarding the budget therefore, this is the reason there were no discussions by Council tonight regarding this item.

The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

10. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance adopting and approving the levying of Ad Valorem taxes for Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 in the amount of \$0.580500 per \$100 valuation {CAPTION} Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-016

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 26.05(b) OF PROPERTY TAX CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT;

**PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Downey moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of tax rate \$0.580500 which effectively is a 7.89% increase in the tax rate. Council Member Downey moved to adopt a debt service tax rate of 17.4616 cents per \$100 evaluation for the 2019-2020 tax year. Council Member Downey moved to approve a maintenance and operation tax rate of 40.5884 cents per \$100 evaluation for the 2019-2020 tax year. Council Member Downey moved to approve the tax rate ordinance as presented. A record vote will be required. Council Member Downey asked the Chairman to call for the record vote.

Interim City Attorney, George Hyde, stated these motions should be passed in four (4) separate votes.

The motions were seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor stated although this item is required by State requirements to be named a tax increase due to generating more dollars, the reality is the rate was reduced by 2 cents.

Council Member Prescher stated this was a good example of what happens in Austin and how it affects local government. He stated this legislation address the rates but not the evaluation of homes.

Vote One (1) The property tax rate be increased by the adoption of tax rate \$0.580500 which effectively is a 7.89% increase in the tax rate:

The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

Vote Two (2) to adopt a debt service tax rate of 17.4616 cents per \$100 evaluation for the 2019-2020 tax year.

The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

ABSTAIN: None

Vote Three (3) To approve a maintenance and operation tax rate of 40.5884 cents per \$100 evaluation for the 2019-2020 tax year.

The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

Vote Four (4) To approve the tax rate ordinance as presented.

The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

11. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance adopting and approving a property tax increase reflected in the Budget of the City of Watauga for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020 {CAPTION} Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-015

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA ADOPTING AND APPROVING A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WATAUGA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 102.007; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council Member Neal made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City's fiscal year 2019-2020 operating budget as presented.

The motion was seconded by Council Member King. The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

12. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid Tex Division regarding the Company's 2019 Rate Review Mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by that attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attached exhibit establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; approving an attached exhibit regarding amortization of regulatory liability; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company and the ACSC's Legal Counsel {CAPTION} Andrea Gardner, City Manager 13. Discuss and consider action to approve an Ordinance providing for a transfer of appropriations in the Fiscal Year 20182019 Budget in the General Fund (CAPTION) Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2019 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT

ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during public testimony.

Council Member Neal made a motion to accept the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Downey. The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

13. Discuss and consider action to approve an Ordinance providing for a transfer of appropriations in the Fiscal Year 20182019 Budget in the General Fund (CAPTION) Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; TRANSFERRING VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS AMONG ACCOUNTS; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ACTION NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH TRANSFERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES;

**PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Mayor called for public testimony. No one spoke during testimony.

Council Member Downey made a motion to accept the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor. The motion passed as follows: 7-0-0-0.

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Mayor asked Council for items.

Council Member Irving stated none.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor stated none.

Council Member King stated none.

Council Member Neal stated he would like to revisit the parking minimums. City Manager, Andrea Gardner, responded this needs to be addressed by the P & Z first.

Council Member Downey stated none.

Council Member Snyder stated none.

Council member Prescher stated he would like to have the fence issue in Park Vista revisited, discussion, or a report on the PID issue.

Council Member Irving seconded Council Member Prescher's requested item.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

this the 14th day of Oct, 2019

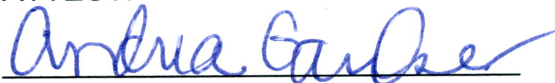
SIGNED:

this the 15th day of Oct, 2019

APPROVED:


Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

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