

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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
Council Member, Place 1 Scott Prescher
Council Member, Place 2 Tom Snyder (absent with notice)
Council Member, Place 3 Lovie Downey
Council Member, Place 4 Andrew Neal
Council Member, Place 5 Juanita King
Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member, Place 6 Mark Taylor
Council Member, Place 7 Kim Irving (absent with notice)

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager
Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance
Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
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 by Mr. Schrott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mujeeb Kazi, 6245 Rufe Snow Drive, Suite 240, Watauga, TX.
Wanted to notify the community about India's governmental actions. People of Kashmir are in unrest. The people are suffering due to shortage of food. The current Prime Minister of India has been banned from entering the United States due to his involvement with terrorism. The current regime is placing its people in duress. He expressed concerns that over eight million people will be murdered and requested the citizens of Watauga write letters to the US Congress and Secretary of State for the United States to request action be taken. He concluded by providing a written document to each member of the City Council and the City Manager.

Mary Stormer, 6545 Old Mill Circle, Watauga, Tx.

Inquired as to why doesn't Watauga have a grants writer. She stated she has been where there are cities that have grant writers. She has been where you can pay a grants writer a percentage of the grant.

She also expressed concerns about communications. She knows that other cities use Facebook Live, etc. She further stated that our community has people that are disabled and unable to attend meetings.

She also requested the Request to Speak Form be placed on the City's website.

Additionally, she expressed her support for shade structures due to the chance of melanoma.

Ms. Gardner provided factual information related to the Request to Speak Form and noted the form is available on the City's website.

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 on the July 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary
Andrea Gardner, City Manager
2. Consider action to reschedule the November 11, 2019 regular and workshop Meetings of the Watauga City Council to November 12, 2019.
Tara Rogers, Deputy City Secretary
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

Council Member Andrew Neal made a motion to the consent agenda as presented. Council Member, Lovie Downey seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearing items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action to approve a proposed ordinance amending the classifications of the City of Watauga Fire Department to add six (6) Firefighter positions {CAPTION}
Marcia Reyna, Human Resources and Civil Service Director

Andrea Gardner, City Manager

City Manager, Andrea Gardner, provided the staff presentation for actions items 1-10.

Mayor called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

Council Member, Andrew Neal, made a motion to accept the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem, Mark Taylor, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

2. Discuss and consider action to approve an ordinance amending the Personnel Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 20202024 {CAPTION}

The Mayor called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

Mayor Pro Tem, Mark Taylor, made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member, Scott Prescher, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

3. Consideration and action on approval of an Ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, amending the General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020; approving supplemental appropriations.{CAPTION}

Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance

Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

Council Member, Andrew Neal, made a motion to accept the item as presented. Council Member, Lovie Downey, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

4. Discuss and consider action on a resolution accepting the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant award for FY 2018 and authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City to comply with all SAFER Grant requirements associated with the FY 2018 award.

Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief

Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

Council Member, Lovie Downey, made a motion to accept the item as presented. Council Member, Andrew Neal, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

5. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency services by the Watauga Fire Department.

Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony.

Mary Stormer, 6545 Old Mill Circle, Watauga, TX.

Stated she was curious about the implementation of the program. She wanted to know if the false alarms applied to residential and commercial properties.

Chief Fannan addressed Ms. Stormer's concerns and informed her that the false alarms didn't apply to residents.

Council Member, Lovie Downey, made a motion to approve the item. Council Member, Juanita King, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

6. Discuss and consider action authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Watauga and EmergiFire, LLC for Fire/Emergency Response Billing services in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony.

Mary Stormer, 6545 Old Mill Circle, Watauga, TX.

Requested clarification on the agreement and asked if there is an upfront service charge. She further inquired about the ownership of the information obtained.

City Manager Gardner informed Ms. Stormer that agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney but is not yet complete and explained the purpose behind the posting language "form approved by the City Attorney".

Council Member, Andrew Neal, made a motion to accept the item as presented. Council Member, Lovie Downey, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

7. Discuss and consider action authorizing the City Attorney to provide Intermedix notification of the City's intent to cancel the existing Ambulance Billing Services agreement effective January 26, 2020

Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

Council Member, Lovie Downey, made a motion to accept the item as presented.
Council Member, Scott Prescher, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

8. 8. Discuss and consider action authorizing the Mayor to execute a specialized professional services agreement between Emergicon, LLC and the City of Watauga for ambulance billing services in a form approved by the City Attorney.
Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony.

Mary Stormer, 6545 Old Mill Circle, Watauga, TX.
She stated the terms of the agreement prevented the City from utilizing a different vendor for two years after contract cancelation.

City Manager Gardner corrected the information and reminded Ms. Stormer that the City Attorney has yet to finalize the agreement with the vendor.

Council Member, Andrew Neal, made a motion to accept as presented. Council Member, Juanita King, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

9. Discuss and consider action to authorize the Mayor to execute a Business Associate Agreement between the City of Watauga and Emergicon, LLC in a form approved by the City Attorney.
Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

Council Member, Andrew Neal, made a motion to accept the item as presented.
Council Member, Lovie Downey, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

10. Discuss and consider action to approve a sales order with Emergicon, LLC for ESO software services paid by Emergicon, LLC through a Service Provider Agreement with ESO on behalf of the City of Watauga.
Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Andrea Gardner, City Manager

The Mayor called for public testimony. There was no public testimony.

Council Member, Lovie Downey, made a motion to accept the item as presented.
Mayor Pro Tem, Mark Taylor, seconded the motion.

The item passed 5-0-2-0.

The Council adjourned into executive session at 7:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will convene in executive session pursuant to (Texas Open Meetings Act), Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 to deliberate upon and discuss personnel matters and Section 551.071 consultation with City Attorney 1. The City Council shall recess its Regular Session and reconvene in Executive Session to discuss the following items pursuant to the below referenced section of the Texas Government Code: 1) Section 551.074 (Personnel) to deliberate regarding the duties of the City Manager (Andrea Gardner); and 2) Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to seek the advice of its attorney related to recent publicly made allegations or irregularities during the last City Council election.

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

No action was taken on the items discussed in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

this 14th day of Oct, 2019

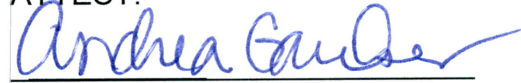
SIGNED:

this the 15th day of Oct, 2019

APPROVED:


Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

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