

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Workshop meeting was convened at 05:33 PM

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened in Workshop, with the following members present:

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

and

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

with

Lovallois Hamilton, Recreation Manager, City of Killeen

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and discussion on youth advisory council operations, fundraising and membership recruitment

City Manager Gardner provided background on the item and introduced Mr. Lovallois Hamilton, City of Killeen.

Mr. Hamilton provided the history of the Killeen Youth Program and stated that it has been one of the longest standing programs of its kind. The program was created due to youth expressing the lack of things to do in the community. The purpose of the program is to educate youth on the civic government process.

A staff Liaison is appointed to educate youth on conducting meetings to include preparing agendas, minutes and bylaws. The liaison also initiates group discussion but does not control it. The liaison tracks all participant hours which is attractive to members.

The program tasks youth to observe what is happening in their school and community and challenges them to create programs and solutions based on their assessments. The members organize, create budgets and fundraise for their events and are also required to attend a minimum amount of Council meetings per year, and volunteer and participate in various city programs.

Members also assist in recruiting efforts. In some cases, students may avoid applying due to the commitment and can join as a Resource Member (non-voting) and can grow into a Commissioner position. Resource Member hours are also tracked. Recruiting can also be done by engaging principals, school counselors and teachers to schedule guest speaking opportunities to address possible student candidates. Homeschool students can be outreached as well. Mr. Randy Richards recommended contacting the Center for Home Education located on Watauga Road.

Mr. Hamilton suggested having more than five (5) students, as Watauga represents two school districts, ranging from 8th to 12th grade.

Mr. Hamilton stated that Council needs to establish how involved they would like to be as Council is often included in the program and events and students tend to be more connected with Council that is engaged. He further stated that there are no issues with TOMA regulations, as Council attendance is coordinated by staff to avoid such conflicts.

Parents are also involved and act as Parent Volunteers to assist with event supervision.

Regarding funding, the City can appropriate funds; however, members are also required to do their own fundraising. Appointment of a Treasurer is needed to be responsible for fund accounts and reporting to members. Fundraising by partnering with local restaurants to split profits is often very positive.

The TML Youth Summit is recommended for members to attend and is also a good networking opportunity to observe how other cities structure their Youth Advisory Councils.

ADJOURNMENT

The Workshop meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

this the 10th day of FEB 2020

SIGNED:

this the 10th day of FEB 2020

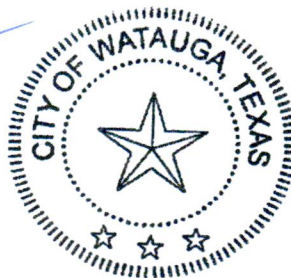
Arthur L. Miner /s/ _____

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/ _____

Andrea Gardner, City Secretary



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