

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020
HECTOR F. GARCIA COMMUNITY CENTER
7901 INDIAN SPRINGS, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened at 6:00 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
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 (absent with notice)

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager/City Secretary
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/PIO
Emily Mead, Recreation Superintendent
Brian Hatfield, Fire Marshal
Tyler Johnson, Corporal
Karrie Marling, Assistant City Attorney
George Hyde, City Attorney (via teleconference)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was given.

ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor made a motion to move action items 1, 2, 3 and 5 to a consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Snyder. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for a vote. Motion passed 6-0-1-0.

By show of right hand:

AYES: 6, NAYS: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read the following consent agenda items:

1. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to extend the March 17, 2020 Disaster Declaration executed by Mayor Miner for the Coronavirus Outbreak
2. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to grant authority to the City Manager to expend and/or commit public funds of the City when deemed prudent and necessary for the protection of health, life, and property
3. Discuss and consider action on a resolution approving Policy 18.03 Declared Emergency Plan
4. Discuss and consider action on a resolution to suspend the public information act in response to COVID-19 (*Formally Action Item 5*)

Council Member Downey made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1, 2, 3 and 4. Motion seconded by Council Member Neal. Mayor Miner called for public testimony and discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion passed 6-0-1-0.

By show of right hand:

AYES: 6, NAYS: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 0

ACTION ITEM

1. Discuss and consider action on an Ordinance that postpones the May 2, 2020 General and Special Elections to November 3, 2020 (CAPTION) (*Formally Action Item #4*)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS, CALLING FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF A MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION TO NOW BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020; 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

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor made a motion to approve the postponement of the May 2, 2020 General and Special Elections to November 3, 2020. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. Mayor Miner called for public testimony, hearing none, called for discussion.

Council Member Prescher asked if information that was provided on the matter is available.

Ms. Gardner provided a response to the question by stating it was the Council's decision to take action on the local elections and briefed the Council on Case Law regarding the matter. She mentioned the area discussions related to postponing the election until the July Run Off Election for the Primary. She also notified the Council of the fact that steps are required regarding the Special Election for reauthorization of sales tax for street maintenance.

Mr. Hyde, City Attorney, stated that he concurred with the recommendation of the City Manager's Office. He also provided further information related to the Case Law mentioned by the City Manager and provided Council with election code information.

With no additional comments or discussion, Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion passed 6-0-1-0.

By show of right hand:

AYES: 6, NAYS: 0, ABSENT: 1, ABSTAIN: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 6:14pm.

APPROVED:

this 13TH day of APRIL, 2020

SIGNED:

this 10TH day of JUNE, 2020

APPROVED:

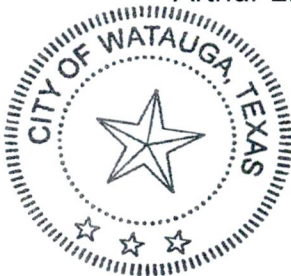
Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/

Andrea Gardner, City Secretary



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