

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020
ROAD 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:32 pm.

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened the Special Meeting of the City Council with the following members present:

Mayor, Arthur L. Miner
Mayor Pro Tem/ Council Member Place 2, Tom Snyder
Council Member Place 1, Danielle Tucker
Council Member Place 3, Lovie Downey
Council Member Place 4, Andrew Neal
Council Member Place 5, Juanita King (absent with notice)
Council Member Place 6, Mark Taylor
Council Member Place 7, Kim Irving

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager/ City Secretary
Raquel Guajardo, Deputy City Secretary
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/ PIO

with

Andrew Friedman, SAMCO Capital

INVOCATION

Chaplain Dennis Serratt, Watauga Police Department gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Comments received from Ms. Mary Stormer were read into the record by Mayor Miner. (*Documents will be recorded with approved minutes.*)

Ms. Gardner responded to the comments stating the ambulance was ordered via the SAFER grant that was presented and approved by Council. The purchase would allow the City to provide services to the unincorporated portions of Tarrant County and in doing so, would generate revenue. Ms. Gardner further stated the item is not part of the bond package being presented at this time. Also, Council was notified prior to accepting the grant award, that the fire station would require remodeling as there are not adequate facilities to accommodate the addition of personnel. The architectural firm was hired in May 2020 and the estimated costs will not be known until the designs are completed. Ms. Gardner also stated that Ms. Deby Woodard, Assistant Finance Director, negotiated a fee at 8 percent.

Council Member Tucker requested a walk-through of the fire station with the architect during the project to better address citizen inquiries. Mayor Miner informed Council Member Tucker that during public testimony, only corrections of factual inaccuracies can occur and a request to meet with the architect can be made at a later date.

No other comments were made by Council.

Mayor Miner stated that the additional email submitted by Ms. Mary Stormer would be recorded into the minutes but not read aloud at this time. (*Document will be recorded with approved minutes.*)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on Chief Executive recommendation of applicant to serve on the Watauga Civil Service Commission for a term ending on June 30, 2022

Ms. Gardner gave a brief overview of the item and recommended Mr. Joe Bailey for Place 2 for a term expiring June 2023.

Mayor Miner called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept the nominee. Motion was seconded by Council Member Downey. With no additional comments or discussion, Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion passed 6-0-1-0.

By show of hands:

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

2. Consideration and approval of a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date

Mayor Miner called for public testimony. Request to Speak forms were not received.

Mr. Andrew Friedman, SAMCO, was introduced to present to Council and gave a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Miner called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept the item as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Irving.

Mayor Miner called for discussion. Council Member Neal inquired if the bond market is currently favorable for the City. Mr. Friedman responded that approximately 2.25% is due to the decreases in interest rates and below inflation rate.

With no additional comments or discussion, Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion passed 5-1-1-0.

By show of hands:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Minor stated that the Juneteenth Proclamation will be issued on June 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., in the lobby of City Hall.

Council Member Taylor stated that information regarding the iChoosr LLC program (Texas Power to Switch) is available via www.cowtx.org.

ADJOURNMENT

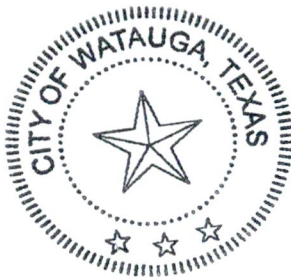
Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

APPROVED:

this the 13th day of July 2020

SIGNED:

this the 14th day of July 2020



Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/

Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

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