

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened at 6:51 p.m.

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 6 Mark Taylor
Council Member, Place 1 Danielle Tucker
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

and

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

with

Andrew Friedman, SAMCO Capital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor announced that various board, committees and commissions have vacancies and those interested in applying can apply via www.cowtx.org.

Mayor Miner encouraged citizens to attend and speak at meetings held by City Council.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discuss and consider action to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Tarrant County for municipal direct expense funding.**

Ms. Gardner provided a brief overview of the presented item.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor made a motion to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Irving. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 7-0-0-0.

2. **Discuss and provide direction on a possible debt issuance for continuation of Capital Improvement Plan projects and Capital Outlay Plan equipment and vehicles.**

Ms. Gibson provided a brief summary of the presented item and introduced Mr. Andrew Friedman, SAMCO Capital, who commented on the following:

- Equipment match is appropriate
- Assume zero growth moving forward
- Many cities are experiencing double digit growth
- There is cushion to absorb COVID impacts that would not generate an increase
- Resolution of intent to borrow funds scheduled June 15, 2020
- Bids for debt scheduled August 24, 2020
- Current rate of 2.5% on a 20 year debt

Ms. Gardner asked Mr. Friedman to explain maintenance and operations and debt service tax rates. Mr. Friedman responded that these projects could be funded without increasing the total tax rate.

Council Member Neal requested a Whitley Road Phase 4 project update. Ms. Gibson stated that the street portion would be funded by this debt, as 1.3 million would be added to previous funds. Mr. Hackleman explained pricing of project was lower a few years ago and the plan is to repair the portion just south of Hightower.

Council Member Downey commented regarding the fire station project. She

stated that the City was awarded the SAFER Grant and there are currently (10) Firefighters on day shift and (11) Firefighters on night shift. Council Member Downey understands that citizens do not agree with funds being used now, however, the project is needed as it provides adequate facilities for fire station staff, including appropriate decontamination that could prevent potential legal issues.

Council was asked to individually provide direction to the City Manager and responded with the following:

Council Member, Place 1 Danielle Tucker	Proceed
Council Member, Place 2 Tom Snyder	Proceed
Council Member, Place 3 Lovie Downey	Proceed
Council Member, Place 4 Andrew Neal	Proceed
Council Member, Place 5 Juanita King	Proceed
Mayor Pro Tem / Place 6 Mark Taylor	Proceed
Council Member, Place 7 Kim Irving	Proceed

- 3. Discuss and consider action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, designating Sandra Gibson, Deby Woodard, and Kimberly Rupkalvis as City of Watauga representatives to ensure compliance with Section 26.17, Tax Code; providing for repeal; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.**

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

Ms. Gibson provided a brief summary of the item and stated that legislative session requires the City to provide updates on city tax information for citizen review.

Council Member Irving made a motion to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Neal. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 7-0-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

this 13TH day of July, 2020

SIGNED:

this 14TH day of July, 2020

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/

Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

