

**MINUTES  
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD  
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened at 5:35 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a workshop with the following members present:

Mayor, Arthur 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

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager/City Secretary  
Raquel Guajardo, Interim Deputy City Secretary  
Marcia Reyna, Human Resources and Civil Service Director  
Sal Torres, Director of Parks and Community Services  
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/PIO  
George Hyde, Interim City Attorney

**Presentations:**

1. Discuss and provide direction on the Library Advisory Board recommendation to eliminate library fines for Watauga patrons.

Andrea Gardner, City Manager, opened the discussion and stated that the Library Board had voted to make a recommendation to City Council regarding assessed library fines.

Lana Ewell, Director of Library Services, presented to Council. Ms. Ewell stated that the overall goal is to provide free and equitable access of information to all citizens and asked the Council to consider the elimination of late fines as they create barriers for families that are on the lower end of the economic spectrum.

Council Member Prescher expressed concern regarding the lack of accountability the fine elimination would cause.

Ms. Ewell stated that as of October 1, 2019, all members of MetrOPAC have gone fine free, however, the City of Watauga has not. If the City does not adopt the elimination of late fees, there is a possibility that it could decrease circulation. Regarding

accountability, it is enforced by charging for unreturned or damaged items and can result in membership cancellation.

2. Discuss and provide direction to City staff on cyber security assessment and training requirements per HB 3834 from the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

Brad Fraley, Chief Information Officer/PIO, presented an overview of the new mandate that requires annual training of City staff and elected officials with a proof of completion deadline of June 14, 2020. Currently, there is a hold on the (5) required courses, as they are not yet released online. It is not known if there will be a cost for the required courses.

Internally, there are multiple layers in place to inspect all items and advanced threat protection that is used to reroute and rate intent of all traffic content. A disaster recovery program has also been implemented.

Two items that will be implemented at no cost, but when time permits, is the creation of a program restriction list and to split backup storage to a secondary location to be used alternately.

Council Member Downey stated that she will share contact information for a cyber security vendor, obtained during a recent conference.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVED: this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of Nov, 2019

SIGNED: this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of Nov, 2019



ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/

Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur Miner, Mayor