

MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020
VIDEOCONFERENCE
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the City Council held by videoconference was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Art Miner
Mayor Pro Tem/ Council Member Place 2, Tom Snyder
Council Member Place 1, (Absent without Notice – Oath not taken)
Council Member Place 3, Lovie Downey
Council Member Place 4, Andrew Neal
Council Member Place 5, Juanita King
Council Member Place 6, Mark Taylor
Council Member Place 7, Jan Hill

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager/ City Secretary
Shawn Fannan, Fire Chief
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/ PIO

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

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 a contract for the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Suburban from Lake Country Chevrolet**

Chief Fannan presented the item to Council and stated that the purchase is approved for use by CARES Act funding.

Mayor Miner inquired if it will free up ambulance for other emergency responses. Chief Fannan responded that it will help to minimize exposure of staff to infectious disease.

Council Member Taylor clarified that the funds will be coming from CARES Act. Chief Fannan responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Miner read comments received from Mr. Chuck Hubbard, 6848 Hillglen Drive, Watauga, Texas; and Ms. Andra Dunn, 6516 Alta Vista Drive, Watauga, Texas.
(Comments will be archived with approved minutes)

Chief Fannan addressed both comments submitted and stated that the dealership was the closest that had the special vehicle with the needed special packages available. He further stated that the item needed to be presented as soon as possible in order to be utilized before the December 31, 2020 deadline.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Hill. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote by roll call.

Place 2/Mayor Pro Tem, Tom Snyder	Yes
Place 3, Lovie Downey	Yes
Place 4, Andrew Neal	Yes
Place 5, Juanita King	Yes
Place 6, Mark Taylor	Yes
Place 7, Jan Hill	Yes

Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor, Hill
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Tucker

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the videoconference at 5:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

this 14TH day of DEC , 2020

SIGNED:

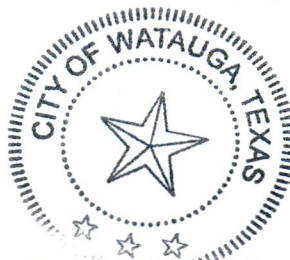
this 17TH day of DEC , 2020

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:
Andrea Gardner /s/
Andrea Gardner, City Secretary



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Andrea Gardner

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First Name Andra

Last Name Dunn

Address1 6516 Alta Vista Dr

Address2 *Field not completed.*

City Watauga

State TX

Zip 76148

Email 

Phone 18174499636

I wish to comment during Public Testimony on Action Item 1
(check all that apply):

Select how you wish to participate:

If you select WEBEX, a meeting invite will be sent to the email address you provide. You will need to have internet, a device that can connect with audio and/or a phone. You will be responsible for connecting to the meeting and being available when the section you are requesting to speak during is current.

Select an option: Having my comments read into the record

Comments - Indicate which section of the meeting your comments refer to:

Why are we purchasing a truck from a dealership in Jasper, Texas? Surely there are a number of Chevrolet dealerships in Tarrant County that would be willing to make a good deal with our City. Has the city made an effort to shop local and given our local dealerships the opportunity to bid on this? This dealership is 4.5 hours away. I'm just curious to know what the selection process looks like for our city to bid out and select vendors for purchases of this nature.

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First Name	Chuck
Last Name	Hubbard
Address1	5948 Hillglen Drive
Address2	Field not completed.
City	Watauga
State	TX
Zip	76148
Email	
Phone	Field not completed.
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I would like to respectfully ask why this action item could not have waited 3 weeks and been addressed at the regular meeting scheduled for December? Or surely our city council was aware of this just a week ago and could have had it on the last Special Meeting that was held on November 17th in which nothing was done except an executive session with no action taken. I just see a number of special meetings that are scheduled with items that do not appear to be time pertinent issues, that would make more fiscal sense to hold and schedule at regular meetings, when staff and council persons are already planning on attending. I think this would be a more productive use of our staff time, our city representation, and our communal resources. Thank you.

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