

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor, Art Miner
Mayor Pro Tem/ Council Member Place 2, Tom Snyder
Council Member Place 1, (Vacant)
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, (Vacant)

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager/ City Secretary
Raquel Guajardo, Deputy City Secretary
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/ PIO
Randy Richards, Building Official
George Hyde, City Attorney

INVOCATION

Reverend Mark Lofton of Northside Nazarene gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Neal announced that the Library is hosting a Drawing Challenge for the month of September. Information can be located on the Library's Facebook page and website.

Ms. Gardner notified Council that petition pages will be issued on September 15, 2020 for a potential future ballot measure to legalize alcoholic beverages.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation of Service Awards for City of Watauga Employees celebrating a milestone anniversary during the month of September 2020**

Ms. Gardner recognized Randy Barkley, Fire Department, 20 years of service; Brian Hatfield, Fire Department, 20 years of service; Jeff Hawkins, Fire Department, 20 years of service; Sonia Glosup, Water Department, 20 Years of Service; Dulce Garcia, Animal Control, 5 Years of Service and Spencer Elliott, Police Records, 5 Years of Service.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read through the following consent agenda items.

1. **Consider action approving a resolution setting the City Observed Holiday Schedule for the 2021 Calendar Year; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date**
2. **Consider action approving a resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas amending Policy 8.01 Holidays of the Personnel, Administration and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual regarding holidays for employees; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date**
3. **Consider adopting an Ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, amending the general budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, approving supplemental appropriations; transferring various appropriations among accounts, authorizing the appropriate city officials to take action necessary to accomplish same; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.**
4. **Consider action to adopt an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas adopting the capital outlay plan for fiscal years 2021-2025; providing for repeal; providing a savings clause; providing an effective date**
5. **Consider action to declare the items shown on the 2020 Master Auction List as surplus personal property assets of the city approved for sale or disposition**
6. **Consider action to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending June 30, 2020**
7. **Consider action to approve the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2020**
8. **Consider action approving a Resolution of the City Council of the City of**

Watauga, Texas adopting Written Investment Policies Standards Governing the City's Investment Practices; Amending Authorized Broker/Dealers list for the City of Watauga; repealing conflicting resolutions; and providing an effective date.

- 9. Discuss and consider action to approve the meeting minutes for the City Council Special Meeting 2020 Retreat held on August 1, 2020; City Council Budget Workshop held on August 5, 2020; and City Council Special Meeting held on August 5, 2020**

Mayor Miner requested Council present changes to the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Miner announced that a public comment was received from Mr. Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, Watauga, and would be read into the record. (Comments will be archived with approved minutes)

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION

Mayor Miner opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

- 1. Planning and Zoning Case Z-20-02 with SUP: Conduct a public hearing and consider action adopting an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas authorizing a zoning map amendment to the zoning ordinance affecting a portion of the property located in Regency Square Addition, Lot 1, commonly known as 6531 Watauga Road, from General Business (GB) to Commercial (C); authorizing the issuance of a specific use permit (SUP), for Frontier States Development Services, to allow a facility for the storage of ice and water for retail sale for individual or family use at 6527 Watauga Road, commonly known as 6531 Watauga Road being Lot 1 of the Regency Square Addition. The property is located west of Rufe Snow Drive. Tan B. Le, is the owner. and Mark Sellers is the authorized applicant.**

Mr. Randy Richards stated that as a matter of record, the zoning change is compatible with the future land use map that was approved by Council on April 13, 2020. The item details construction of an approximately 251 square foot building with an additional 60 square feet of customer approach.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion.

Council Member Neal inquired about the ice kiosk noise when operating. Mr. Richards stated that it is not in a residential area and does not believe there will be a noise issue.

Council Member Neal also inquired regarding the planned lighting. Mr. Richards responded that they would make certain that lighting will not be an issue.

Council Member King expressed concern that handicap parking would not be available. Mr. Richards responded that the site is located within an existing parking lot area and staff will take that need into consideration. He also commented that Mr. Sellers, Owner, stated that onsite trash containers have commonly become a junk site.

Mayor Miner announced that public comments received from the following would be read into the record. *(Comments will be archived with approved minutes)*

Mr. Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, Watauga,

Council Member Neal asked what materials will be used to construct the building. Mr. Sellers stated that stick framing will surround a self-contained ice machine with an acrylic/stucco finish.

As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Miner announced that he needed to revisit public comments and the following would be read into record. *(Comments will be archived with approved minutes)*

Ms. Janelle Foley, 6537 Meadowlark Lane East, Watauga

2. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.580404 per \$100 valuation for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Mayor Miner opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Sandra Gibson provided a brief presentation to Council and stated that city taxes are 22% of total tax bill, current rate is .5805 with a rate decrease for FY2021 of .580404.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion.

Council Member Taylor stated that there have been a lot of comments regarding the tax increase. He explained that individual property taxes might increase if the home value increased but it does not necessitate a tax increase in his opinion. He provided an analogy stating that if salary increases, amount of tax increases even if the government does not raise taxes. The tax rate is the lowest since 2012. As property value of the home increases, the owner will reap the benefits.

Mayor Miner announced that a public comment was received from Mr. Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, Watauga, would be read into the record. (Comments will be archived with approved minutes)

As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor Miner announced that **Public Hearing Item #1** will have to be reconsidered to include adoption of the ordinance.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve the SUP for Frontier Estates located at 6531 Watauga Road. Motion seconded by Council Member Neal. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor
Nays: None
Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discuss and consider action to adopt an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas adopting the Personnel Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025; providing for repeal; providing a savings clause; providing an effective date**

Ms. Reyna presented the item to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor
Nays: None
Abstain: None

2. **Discuss and consider action to approve a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Classification Plan for all employees; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date**

Ms. Reyna presented the item to Council stating that there would be no COLA for FY 2021 and Civil Service will receive step increases.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

3. **Consider action to amend the Election Order calling for the General Election of Places 1, 2, 6 and 7 on the City of Watauga City Council to amend the early voting period as required by the Governor's Proclamation**

Ms. Gardner introduced the item to Council and Mr. Hyde stated that there was a substitute ordinance.

Council Member Downey made a motion to accept item as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snyder. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Mayor Miner announced that a public comment received by Mr. Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, Watauga, would be read into the record. (*Comments will be archived with approved minutes*)

4. **Discuss and approve Mercury Communications as the awarded vendor of Request for Proposals Phone System; provide direction and authorization to the City Manager regarding the executing of a contract with Mercury Communications for a phone systems substantially like that which is presented to Council, once approved by the City Attorney as to legal form.**

Mr. Fraley presented the item to Council stating that the current system is obsolete as of December 2019 and the vendor no longer supports the system. In response to the RFP (17) proposals were received. He further stated that Mercury Communication was selected as they provided the best value.

Council Member Neal inquired regarding the provided service level agreement,

total downtime, outages, cloud-based solution, and location of tiers in which Mr. Fraley individually addressed.

Council Member Neal requested an escape clause be added to the contract in the event the provided services do not meet expectations. Mr. Hyde responded to and mentioned the non-appropriation clause.

Mayor Miner called for motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Neal. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. **Discuss and consider action approving a resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga authorizing the continuation of the park vista public improvement district established January 1999 as provided by Chapter 372 of the Local Government Code; describing the method of assessment; providing that all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict, providing a savings clause; providing an effective date.**

Ms. Gibson presented the item to Council that included background on services related to ROW maintenance.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion.

Council Member Taylor asked if there was a cost to the City for the PID. Ms. Gibson responded that there is a cost for landscaping and maintenance as is done for other right-of-ways throughout the City and clarified that there is no cost attached to the PID.

Mr. Hyde provided guidance related to chapter 372 of the Texas Government Code regarding assessments. He stated that if an assessment is made, the funds collected would be restricted.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member King. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6. **Discuss and consider action adopting an ordinance by the City Council of the city**

of Watauga, Texas levying assessment for use and support of the park vista public improvement district of the City of Watauga, Texas for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, providing that all ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict; providing a savings clause; providing an effective date.

Ms. Gibson presented the item to Council stating that there is a zero-dollar assessment.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion. Hearing none, called for a motion.

Council Member Taylor made a motion set the rate for the PID at \$0. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- 7. Discuss and consider action adopting an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas adopting and approving a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Watauga; providing for the appropriation of funds in the budget; providing that all ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict; providing a savings clause; providing an effective date.**

Ms. Gibson presented the item to Council stating that several budget workshops were completed as were the required public hearings. She also stated that each fund had set appropriations.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion. Hearing none, called for a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- 8. Discuss and consider action adopting an ordinance by the City Council of the city of Watauga, Texas levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Watauga, Texas for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing for the statement required by section 26.05(b) of the Property Tax Code; providing for the date when taxes shall become delinquent if not paid; 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 and levying ad valorem taxes for Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$0.580404 per \$100 of assessed value, comprised of \$0.400696 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for maintenance and support of the general government and in the amount of \$0.179708 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the Interest and Sinking Fund.

Ms. Gibson presented the item to Council stating that specific motion language that is required for four (4) separate items.

Mr. Hyde clarified that **comprised of \$0.400696 on each \$100.00 \$100.00 valuation of property for maintenance and support of the general government and in the amount of \$0.179708 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.**

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion. Hearing none, announced that a public comment was received from Mr. Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, Watauga, would be read into the record. *(Comments will be archived with approved minutes)*

As there were no other public comments, Mayor Miner called for Council to present the four required separate motions.

Council Member Taylor moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.580404 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 1.61% increase in the tax rate. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snyder. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Council Member Taylor moved to approve a debt service tax rate of \$0.179708 per \$100 valuation for the 2020-2021 tax year. Motion seconded by Council Member Neal. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Council Member Taylor moved to approve a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.400696 per \$100 of valuation for the 2020-2021 tax year. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Council Member Neal move to approve the Tax Rate Ordinance as presented. A record vote will be required and asked the Chairman to please call for the record vote. Motion seconded by Council Member Taylor. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the record vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor
Nays: None
Abstain: None

9. **Discuss and consider action adopting an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Watauga adopting and approving a property tax increase reflected in the budget for the City of Watauga for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, in accordance with Teas Local Government Code Section 102.007; 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.**

Ms. Gibson presented the item to Council stating that a separate vote is needed to approve the increase.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion. Hearing none, Mayor Miner announced that a public comment received from Mr. Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, Watauga, would be read into the record. *(Comments will be archived with approved minutes)*

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City's financial year 2020-2021 operating budget as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion. Council Member Taylor stated that he objects to the terminology of this item being called a tax increase when rate had actually decreased.

As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor
Nays: None
Abstain: None

10. **Discuss and consider action to approve the purchase and installation of UV lights in the existing central HVAC units for all City buildings from A & G Services in response to COVID-19 to reduce the possible spread of the**

virus within city facilities and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the project

Ms. Gardner gave a summary of the item stating that it has been submitted to Council and authorized by Tarrant County within COVID-19 CARES Act funding.

Mayor Miner asked if the COVID-19 funding received would pay for this purchase. Ms. Gardner responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Neal asked if the UV system will be portable to an upgraded HVAC system. Ms. Gardner responded that the UV system is installed using magnets within the ducts.

Council Member Taylor asked if there will be ongoing maintenance expenses the City will incur and if so, is it covered by the COVID-19 grant. Ms. Gardner responded that once outside of the 1.2 million of Covid funds, it will become an expenditure of the City; or it can be covered if the federal government provided additional CARES Act funds.

Mayor Miner asked that once the funding is gone and the City determines the system is no longer needed, is there a cost to have it removed or can the system stay in place. Ms. Gardner responded that it can be removed very easily as it is installed by magnet or bolts.

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

Mayor Miner called for public comments and introduced Mr. Chuck Hubbard, 5948 Hillglen Drive, Watauga, who inquired if one only quote was received for this project. Ms. Gardner stated that a second quote of \$77,635 was also received.

Public comments received from Mr. Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, Watauga, would be read into the record. *(Comments will be archived with approved minutes)*

As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0. By show of hands, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

11. **Discuss and consider action to approve a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2020 Rate Review**

Mechanism Filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attached exhibit establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; approving an attached exhibit regarding amortization of regulatory liability; requiring the Company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this resolution was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this resolution to the Company and the ACSC's legal counsel

Ms. Gardner provided background on the presented item and stated that Atmos has agreed to a December 1, 2020 effective date.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion and hearing none, called for a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to accept item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

12. Discuss and take action on authorizing the City Manager to submit the official ballot for places 1-4 of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees

Ms. Gardner presented the item and recommended that Council authorize the ballot be executed and cast by the September 30, 2020 deadline.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion and hearing none, called for a motion.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to cast a vote for Mr. George Hyde for Place 3 and allow Ms. Gardner to select the remaining places. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snyder. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

13. Discuss and consider action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, approving Mayoral liaison appointments to City boards, commissions, and committees pursuant to Council Rules of Procedures Section 5.04; providing for repeal; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date

Mayor Miner presented the item to Council stating that due to the resignation of

Kim Irving, a new Primary Council Liaison for the Youth Advisory Council must be appointed. Mayor Miner stated that Council Member Downey was now Primary Liaison and he will act as the Alternate Council Liaison.

Mayor Miner called for Council discussion and hearing none, called for a motion.

Council Member Neal made a motion to accept item as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snyder. As there was no additional discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Member Taylor requested discussion regarding lighting at Indian Springs Park skate park be added to a future agenda. Ms. Gardner stated that the item would be presented to the Youth Advisory Council to discuss and present recommendations to Council.

Mayor Miner stated that once all YAC members have been sworn in a meeting will be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

this 12TH day of OCTOBER, 2020

SIGNED:

this 13TH day of OCTOBER, 2020

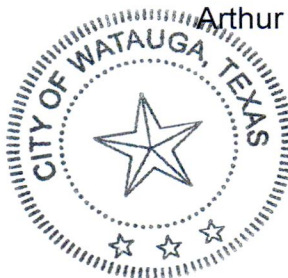
APPROVED:

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

Print**City Council - Comment Registration - September 14, 2020 - Submission #27517****Date Submitted: 9/14/2020**

The operation of a municipality is an Essential Service. The Texas Governor's Order, with the guidance of DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, allows all persons in Texas to obtain essential services, but directs the public to do so by minimizing in-person contact with people who are not in the same household and direct the implementation of social distancing, good hygiene, environmental cleanliness and sanitation. Therefore, the following social distancing rules apply to the public attending this meeting:

- 1) Any member of the public attending the meeting shall maintain a six-foot distance from others (except for those you live in the same household). City Staff and City Officials shall practice social distancing to the extent able without interfering in the ability to carry out the essential governmental functions to be conducted at this meeting.
- 2) To enter City Hall to attend this meeting all persons must wear a face covering (i.e. a cloth mask that effectively covers the mouth and nose with more than one layer of fabric) or equivalent device.
- 3) Attendance in the Council Chamber will be limited to allow for the public in attendance to practice social distancing. Seating may be assigned.
- 4) Coughs and sneezes must be covered with a cloth or tissue, which should then be properly disposed of or washed, and shall not be exposed to others.
- 5) Public courtesies such as handshakes or other greetings shall be respectfully avoided.
- 6) Any member of the public approaching city representatives, whether they be city staff or elected or appointed officials must maintain six-foot social distancing.

Any person who fails to comply with the COVID-19 Precautions may be removed from the meeting.

The City shall continue to allow expanded opportunities for members of the public who do not attend to participate in Public Comment and Public Testimony. Such participation will be allowed when recognized upon the Mayor's announcement. ANYONE WHO DOES NOT ATTEND BUT DESIRES TO COMMENT ON A MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA OR TESTIFY ON A MATTER ON THE AGENDA AT THIS MEETING MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM NO LATER THAN ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

All written comments must comply with applicable decorum rules for comments made during a public meeting of the Watauga City Council to be read into the record. Up to three minutes shall be allotted for each written or oral comment to be read/spoken into the record of the meeting. All timely written comments will be read into the record of the meeting at the appropriate time during the meeting. While reasonable efforts will be taken to gather comments received within the hour prior to the meeting or received during the meeting, all such comments are considered untimely and may not be recognized and read during the meeting.

First Name*

Paul

Last Name*

Hopkins

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7509 Meadowbrook Dr.

Address2**City***

Watauga

State*

TX

Zip*

76148

Email*

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Phone

6825587360

I wish to comment during (check all that apply):*

- ☒ Public Testimony
- ☒ Public Hearing 1
- ☒ Public Hearing 2
- ☐ Action Item 1
- ☐ Action Item 2
- ☒ Action Item 3
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- ☐ Action Item 7
- ☒ Action Item 8
- ☒ Action Item 9
- ☒ Action Item 10
- ☐ Action Item 11
- ☐ Action Item 12
- ☐ Action Item 13

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

Watauga City Council Meeting Monday September 14, 2020

Public Testimony.

- I watched the special council meeting on mosquito spraying. While I disagree with the need to spend the money on it, it was good to hear discussion among the council.
- Do we really need a street sweeping service? Obviously, the street sweeper cannot sweep where cars are parked along the street, and there is a lot of that in Watauga. It seems most people keep are keeping the portion of the street swept by the street sweeper clean on their own. Eliminating superfluous services is great way to keep city operating costs, and taxes, from being increased.

Public Hearings / Action.

1. Rezoning. If this is one of those ice and water vendors, like a 'you fill it station', that sounds good to me.

Public Hearings / Action.

2. Taxes. As stated numerous times before, I remain opposed to any new or increased taxes or new or increased tax rates of any kind. We cannot tax ourselves out of a pandemic and a pandemic is not the time to increase taxes.

Action Items.

3. Voting. More opportunities to vote is always better.

Action Items.

8. Taxes. As stated numerous times before, I remain opposed to any new or increased taxes or new or increased tax rates of any kind. We cannot tax ourselves out of a pandemic and a pandemic is not the time to increase taxes.

Action Items.

9. Taxes. As stated numerous times before, I remain opposed to any new or increased taxes or new or increased tax rates of any kind. We cannot tax ourselves out of a pandemic and a pandemic is not the time to increase taxes.

Action items.

10. UV lights. With the appropriate spectrum, intensity, and contact time, UV light may be effective in killing viruses. The city council needs to investigate the spectrum of UV light and type of bulb that will be used and what the contact times will be in existing HVAC systems before agreeing to any system. Also consider the long-term cost of upkeep of any system; the lights will need to be kept clean to be effective and will need to be replaced as their efficiency degrades over normal use. Also consider the removal cost should the system be deemed no longer necessary.

Thanks,

Paul Hopkins

Samantha Ortega

From: Raquel Guajardo
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Samantha Ortega
Subject: FW: Online Form Submittal: ANNEX E - Request to Speak Form

From: noreply@civicplus.com [mailto:noreply@civicplus.com]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:41 PM
To: City Secretary's Office
Subject: Online Form Submittal: ANNEX E - Request to Speak Form

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ANNEX E - Request to Speak Form

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Public Testimony during City Council Meetings and Workshops provides citizens an opportunity to make comments or present information to the City Council. All comments must be directed to the City Council and not an individual Council Member or City Staff. Council may only provide statements of fact on issues raised during Public Testimony and may direct the City Manager to resolve or request the matter be placed on a future agenda. Public comments shall not include any "deliberation" as defined by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, as now or hereafter amended

Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes and time shall not be donated to other speakers.

After submitting the completed Request to Speak form and submitting to the City Administrative staff, you will be recognized by the Chair to speak. You may approach the speaker's podium and begin comments.

Please complete the information on the form below and submit it to the City Secretary prior to the start of the Council Meeting for comments during Public Testimony or prior to the introduction of the item for comments during public hearings or on agenda items. Forms not submitted as required will not be accepted. (Check all that apply)

Item	Public Testimony
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(Section Break)

First Name	Janelle
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Last Name	Foley
Address1	6537 Meadowlark Ln E
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Watauga
State	TX
Zip	76148
Are you a resident or business owner in Watauga?	Yes
Date of Meeting	9/14/2020

(Section Break)

Agenda Item Number(s) you wish to speak about:

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Subject to be presented to the City Council:	I am unable to attend the meeting tonight but wanted to write in about the storm bin located at Foster Village Park. It is overflowing with branches to the point that the parking lot has become nothing but branches. People are now using it to dump old mattresses. It looks awful and is really bringing down our area. I'm very disappointed that the bin was put out there over a week ago with no one checking in on it and doing something with it once it was full. It's a great idea only if our leaders followed through on the whole process not just sticking it out there.
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Thank you.

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