MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
VIDEOCONFERENCE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Workshop Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor, Art Miner
Mayor Pro Tem/ Council Member Place 2, Tom Snyder
Council Member Place 1, Danielle Tucker (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
Lana Ewell, Director of Library Services
George Hyde, City Attorney

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation and discussion on the Watauga Library's participation/membership in MetrOPAC (an association of seven area libraries centered around Fort Worth)**

Ms. Ewell presented the item to Council and stated that the Founding Cities (Haltom City, Keller, Richland Hills, Burleson, and Benbrook) decided to leave MetrOPac in November 2020; with the remaining libraries extending their contract through September 2021. The majority want to continue as a consortium and if the five (5) libraries desire to move to a new group, a decision must be made regarding the ILS grant which has a max fund of $75,000 to be received over a total of three (3) consecutive years. Ms. Ewell also reported that she is looking at an open-source system if Watauga decides to sign with a new group.

Council Member Taylor asked if there would be a cost saving measure and what would be gained by Watauga signing with a new group. Ms. Ewell responded that Watauga would not have access to the volume of materials Fort Worth offers but feels a better system and more options would be available.

Council Member Neal inquired how the group would be set up so one library does not assume a dominate role and if there would be any impact to current digital materials. Ms. Ewell responded that all cities would have equal representation, does not believe there would be an impact to digital materials, explained how the "overdrive" system operated and confirmed the system is cloud based.

Council Member Downey asked if adequate materials would be available to cover what would be lost due to leaving. Ms. Ewell responded that there will not be enough materials, however, citizens have the option to purchase a non-resident card from the Fort Worth Library System and to utilize the loan program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED: this 11TH day of JAN , 2021

SIGNED: this 13TH day of JAN , 2021

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/
Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/
Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS

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