

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
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 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor, Arthur Miner
Mayor Pro Tem/Place 2, Tom Snyder
Council Place 1, VACANT
Council Place 3, Lovie Downey
Council Place 4, Andrew Neal
Council Place 5, Juanita King
Council Place 6, Mark Taylor
Council Place 7, Jan Hill

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager
Raquel Guajardo, Deputy City Secretary
Marcia Reyna, Human Resources Director
Sandra Gibson, Finance Director
Paul Hackleman, Public Works Director
George Hyde, City Attorney

INVOCATION

Dennis Hester, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Watauga, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miner announced that the State of the City will be available to view on March 24, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation of Service Awards for City of Watauga Employees celebrating a milestone anniversary during the month of March 2021**

Employee Service Awards were presented in recognition of David Taylor for 20 years of service; Morgan Roper for 15 years of service, Austin White for 5 years of service; and Jared Lamberson for 5 years of service.

2. Presentation of Appreciation Plaques to the Watauga Police and Fire Departments

The Police and Fire Departments were presented with plaques in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the City of Watauga by Terri Bolden and Eileen Zimmerman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Miner called for Public Comment. Request to Speak forms were not received and there were no participants present requesting to speak.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Miner read the following Public Testimony submissions (attached to meeting minutes) into the record:

- Ms. Andra Dunn, 6516 Alta Vista Drive, Watauga, TX

Mr. Hyde provided legal input in response to the citizen comment. Mayor Miner also briefly responded.

Ms. Gardner provided clarification regarding packet contents attached to the published agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read the following consent agenda items:

1. **Consider action to approve an award of a miscellaneous and as needed concrete work agreement to Urban Infraconstruction as primary and GRod Construction as secondary utilizing Haltom City Bid #2020-311-02 - Miscellaneous Concrete Improvements pursuant to a cooperative purchasing agreement with Haltom City and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement approved by the City Attorney as to form and legality.**
2. **Consider action to adopt a resolution of the City of Watauga, Texas adopting the Tarrant County home investment partnership program match contribution requirements for program year 2021 (the HOME program year 2021)**
3. **Consider action to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held February 22, 2021**
4. **Consider action to approve the third and final renewal option for Concrete - Various Types Bid # 18-012 to Paisano Redi-Mix, Inc.**

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Council Member Downey seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discuss and consider action to adopt an Ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, amending chapter 2 of the code of ordinances of the City of Watauga, Texas; providing rules and regulations for the termination of inactive campaign finance filings; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing a penalty; and providing an effective date. (establishes a process for automatically terminating dated CTA (Campaign Treasurer Appointment) Election forms and authorizing the City Secretary to immediately process the termination and proper destruction of such records as compliant by the Library Archives Retention Schedule for Election Records)**

Ms. Gardner presented the item to Council.

Council Member Neal made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

- 2. Discuss and consider action to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) 46th Year Bunker Blvd Water System Improvements - Construction Bid Acceptance**

Mr. Hackleman presented the item to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder moved to *accept the bid from Excel 4 Construction, LLC for construction of the Bunker Blvd. Water System Improvements project in the amount of Three Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents. Watauga's pledge above and beyond Tarrant County's grant is One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents.* Council Member Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

3. Discuss and provide direction to the City Manager regarding Council Rules of Procedure and Order of Business revisions

Council Member Taylor referenced an outline of proposed changes that included attendance, training budget, and reporting of training obtained.

After Council discussion, the consensus of the group was to schedule the item for a future Council Workshop.

4. Discuss and provide direction to the City Manager regarding Board, Committee and Commission application, interview and recommendation process

Council Member Taylor stated that he recently attended training sessions related to the Planning and Zoning Board and Zoning Board Adjustments and based on those meetings, would like to establish criteria for selection of board members.

After Council discussion, the consensus of the group was to schedule the item for a future Council Workshop.

5. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, amending an ordinance providing for and ordering a general election to be held on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council member Place 3, City Council member Place 4, and City Council member Place 5; providing for a joint election to be held with other entities; setting the date, place and time of said election; providing for election precincts and polling places; authorizing the execution of a joint election agreement with Tarrant County; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date and containing other provisions related to the subject.

Ms. Gardner presented items 5, 6, 7 & 8 to the City Council, as all items are related.

Council Member Hill made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member King seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

6. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, amending an ordinance providing for and ordering a special election to be held on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of reauthorizing the Watauga Crime Control and Prevention District and collection of the one-half (1/2) of one (1) percent of sales and use tax; providing for a joint election to be held with other entities; setting the date, place and time of said election; providing for election precincts and polling places; authorizing the execution of a joint election agreement with Tarrant County; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date and containing other provisions related to the subject.**

Council Member Downey made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Snyder seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. **Discuss and consider action to approve an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas amending an ordinance calling for a special election to vote on the adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Watauga at the rate of 1.25%. , in accordance with Texas Tax Code Section 327.007; 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 (to be held on May 1, 2021)**

Mayor Pro Tem Snyder made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for discussion. Council Member Taylor and Council Member Hill made inquiries which were addressed by Ms. Gardner. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. **Discuss and consider action to approve an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas amending the ordinance calling for a Special Election to be held in said city on the 1st day of May 2021, for the election to fill a vacancy that exists in the unexpired term of City Council Member Place 1; providing for a joint election agreement with Tarrant County; setting the date, place and time of said election; and other provisions otherwise incidental to such ordinance in accordance with the Texas Election Laws and Articles III And IV of the City of Watauga Home Rule**

Charter; 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

Council Member Neal made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Downey seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for discussion and hearing none, called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

Ayes: Snyder, Downey, Neal, King, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 9. Discuss and provide direction to the City Manager regarding providing relief for local businesses and residents of Watauga due to higher water consumption and necessary repairs requiring a permit related to the winter storm of 2021**

Ms. Gardner provided an overview of the item to Council. Ms. Gibson also addressed Council stating that November, December and January average could be offered.

Council agreed to provide the requested relief but asked for options to be brought back for presentation.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None requested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Miner recessed the meeting the Regular Meeting and convened in Executive Session at 8:33 p.m., to discuss the following item:

- 1. § 551.071 and .074, to deliberate upon and seek necessary legal advice regarding the duties of, and annual performance evaluation of Andrea Gardner, City Manager**

RECONVENE

Mayor Miner reconvened the Regular Meeting in open session at 11:01 p.m.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

Mayor Miner announced that no action was taken on Executive Session item 1.

ADJOURNMENT

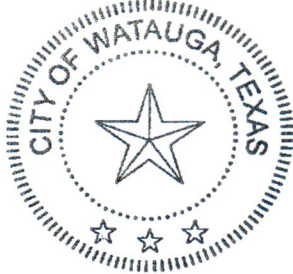
Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

this 22nd day of MARCH, 2021

SIGNED:

this 23rd day of MARCH, 2021



APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/

Andrea Gardner, City Secretary

Print**City Council Meeting Registration - March 8, 2021 - Submission #29493**

Date Submitted: 3/8/2021

This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Notice is hereby given that a Regular City Council Meeting of the City of Watauga, Texas will be held at which time the following subjects will be discussed and may be acted upon.

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 SEND THEIR COMMENT IN WRITING USING 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.

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

- ☒ Public Comment
- ☐ Action Item 1
- ☐ Action Item 2
- ☐ Action Item 5
- ☐ Action Item 6
- ☐ Action Item 7
- ☐ Action Item 8

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

Action Item 3: Again, I am not in favor of limiting Public Comments to 30 minutes. This, in effect, limits the ability of citizens to address the Council on matters that are important to the Public. If each person is allotted 3 minutes, then the council may only hear from a total of 10 people. And if there are multiple items one has a comment on, then how is it decided which comments on which topics will be heard? I believe the 30-minute rule for public comment should be removed, and if not, I would like to see this Council stand up for the people who elected them and vote against accepting these changes. Also, why was this action item not included on the comments form? Seems as if this group of elected officials really doesn't care about the opinions of the people they were elected to represent.

Action Item 9: I am in favor of the City providing relief to businesses and residents impacted with higher than normal water bills due to the winter storm.