

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021
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 meeting convened with the following members present:

Arthur L. Miner	Mayor
Andrew Neal	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Place 4
Pat Shelbourne	Council Member Place 1
Tom Snyder	Council Member Place 2
Lovie Downey	Council Member Place 3
Juanita King	Council Member Place 5
Mark Taylor	Council Member Place 6
Jan Hill	Council Member Place 7

and

Andrea Gardner	City Manager/City Secretary
Raquel Guajardo	Deputy City Secretary
Samantha Ortega	Records Clerk
Marcia Reyna	Human Resources & Civil Service Director
Lana Ewell	Library Director
Randy Richards	Building Official
Don Rymer	Recreation Programmer
Bradley Fraley	Chief Information Officer
George Hyde	City Attorney

and

Andrew Weegar	HUB International
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INVOCATION

Pastor Michael Gerald, The River Church, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Taylor announced Big Vehicle Day is scheduled August 6, 2021; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at Capp Smith Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal announced the Watauga Splash Pad is hosting a movie night August 10, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Miner stated the Splash Pad is doing great; an ad-hoc committee comprised of (3) individuals will be created to review bulk trash services; encouraged interested parties to apply for board vacancies and reminded current members to reapply and complete the required cyber security training; and the NE Tarrant Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications to attend leadership training until August 2, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Ms. Gardner presented the recognition awards to Kevin Mead (15 years); Tyler Johnson (10 years); Heidi Tank-Holland (10 years); and Don Rymer (10 years)

2. **Presentation of a Veterans Memorial Brick to Mayor Miner and the City of Watauga**

A Memorial Brick was presented to the Council and City of Watauga.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Requests for public comment were not received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Requests for public testimony were not received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read the following consent agenda items:

1. **Consider action to adopt a resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas adding Policy 8.07 Public Safety Quarantine Leave to the Personnel, Administration and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date**
2. **Consider action to adopt a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas adding Policy 8.08 Mental Health Leave for Peace Officers and Fire Fighters to the Personnel, Administration and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date**
3. **Consider action to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for the Police Department from Lake Country Chevrolet**

4. **Consider action to adopt a resolution for the release of a utility easement within the Hightower Estates development located at Lot 1R, Block 16 of Echo Hills IV**
5. **Consider action to adopt a resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas amending Policy 8.06 Other Types Leave of the Personnel, Administration and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date**
6. **Consider action to approve the meeting minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting**
7. **Consider action on a resolution to declare General Purpose of property located between Capp Smith Park and Lifestyle Christianity Church**
8. **Consider action to approve the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2021**
9. **Consider action to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending June 30, 2021**
10. **Consider action on a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas adopting Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2032; 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Neal made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Hill. As there was no discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION

1. **Conduct a Public hearing and discuss and consider action on Planning and Zoning Case No. Z. 21-01: Consider request for a zoning change from (LB) Local Business to (C) Commercial to allow for a dental and medical group practice, at 5744 Watauga Road, being Lot 29A, Block 34 of the Browning Heights North Addition. The subject property is located south of Watauga Road east of Pine Street and west of Morris Blvd. Mark Massey, Owner/President of My Credit Union. Winnie Cung, Applicant/Agent**

Mr. Richards presented the item to Council.

Mayor Miner opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor Miner called for Public Testimony. Request to speak forms were not received.

Mayor Miner closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal made a motion to accept the rezoning from local business to commercial for Case No. Z. 21-01. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action to approve the purchase of health, dental and vision insurance with United Healthcare for all eligible employees

Ms. Reyna presented available healthcare options to the Council recommending the plan provided by United Healthcare effective October 1, 2021, for FY2021-22.

Council Member Taylor requested comparisons be provided for high deductible plan options. Ms. Reyna responded that only the healthcare carrier will be voted upon during this meeting and specific plan design options will be presented at the next council meeting, which will include a high deductible option.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal inquired regarding quotes for out of network coverage in which Mr. Weegar, responded that the quote increased by 6%.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal also inquired regarding the success of the tobacco program. Ms. Reyna responded that all except for five (5) are enrolled and are not paying the surcharge. Once participants enroll again, success of the program can be tracked.

Council Member Taylor inquired regarding the Watauga Fit Program opportunity to potentially earn up to \$1,095. Mr. Weegar stated that the program engages the employee and is of no cost to the city. Ms. Reyna also clarified that employees pay \$49.00 per month to participate.

Council Member Snyder made a motion to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. Mayor Miner called for discussion. Council Member Taylor stated for the record and clarification that the vote is to select United Healthcare as the carrier and not for the dollar amounts. Ms. Reyna responded in the affirmative.

As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

2. Discuss and consider action approving an ordinance to amend the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget for the General Fund, Street Maintenance Fund, and CARES Act Fund

Ms. Gibson Presented this item to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal made a motion to accept the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Hill. As there was no discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Discuss and consider legislative amendments to update and revise Chapter 2 of the City of Watauga Code of Ordinances

Ms. Gardner presented the item to Council.

Council Member Taylor stated he wanted to look at those requesting an option. Mr. Hyde asked for clarification from Council Member Taylor if he was proposing to adopt all changes recommended except those with options. Council would pick which option for each item.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept the changes as presented except those items with options. The items with options take a separate vote. Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Council Member Hill made a motion to delete the language related to board removal for cause "Option 1". Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mr. Hyde advised the Council that the next item was to consider the option desired for board removal. He stated during the last meeting the Council selected "Option 2".

Council Member Taylor made a motion to delete the entire section because section 2-42 states that board members serve at the pleasure of the Council. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Council Member Hill made a motion to delete the entire section of 2-46 which is "Option 1". Motion seconded by Council Member Downey. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 6-1-0-0.

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

Nays: Neal

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Council Member Shelbourne made a motion to accept the language in the clean version as recommended by staff (included in the agenda packet) except for the items previously approved. Motion seconded by Council Member Hill. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council did not request any items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Miner recessed the regular meeting for executive session at 8:01 p.m., to discuss the following items:

1. **§ 551.074, to deliberate upon the employment of a new City Manager**
2. **Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072, to discuss real property negotiations - Watauga Addition Block 1 Lots 6, 7, 8 & 9, Watauga Addition Block 1 Lot 10 & 11 and Watauga Addition Block 1 Lot 12A**
3. **Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.087, to discuss economic negotiations with Excel Construction to expand operations within the City of Watauga**
4. **§ 551.074, to deliberate upon the employment of the City Attorney**

RECONVENE

Mayor Miner reconvened the regular meeting at 10:48 p.m.

1. **§ 551.074, to deliberate upon the employment of a new City Manager**

No action was taken on this item.

2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.072, to discuss real property negotiations - Watauga Addition Block 1 Lots 6, 7, 8 & 9, Watauga Addition Block 1 Lot 10 & 11 and Watauga Addition Block 1 Lot 12A

No action was taken on this item.

3. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.087, to discuss economic negotiations with Excel Construction to expand operations within the City of Watauga

No action was taken on this item.

4. § 551.074, to deliberate upon the employment of the City Attorney

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

APPROVED: this 9th day of August, 2021.

SIGNED: this 13th day of August, 2021.

APPROVED:

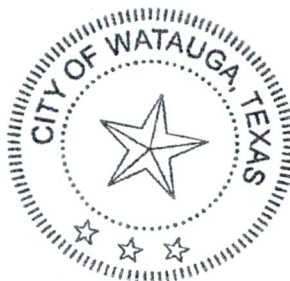
Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/

Andrea Gardner, TRMC, City Secretary



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