

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TX
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Arthur L. Miner	Mayor
Tom Snyder	Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Place 2
Pat Shelbourne	Council Member Place 1
Lovie Downey	Council Member Place 3
Andrew Neal	Council Member Place 4
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
Sandra Gibson	Director of Finance
Deby Woodard	Assistant Director of Finance
Bradley Fraley	Chief Information Officer
George Hyde	City Attorney

INVOCATION

Pastor Tony Loreto of Victory Tabernacle Church led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Oath of Office administered to the newly elected Council Member for Place 5 and presentation of Election Certificate

Mayor Miner stated that the Oath of Office had been administered to Council Member King during the CCPD meeting held prior.

2. Presentation of proclamation recognizing Andy Ivey, Sr

Mayor Miner presented the proclamation to the family of Mr. Andy Ivey Sr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hill announced the library is open and fully functional and encouraged residents to visit.

Mayor Miner announced that the 3rd Annual Hector F. Garcia Golf Tournament raised over \$7,000. He also stated that Council and Board who did not complete the Cyber Security by the deadline of June 14, 2021, will no longer have access city electronic software. Mayor Miner also announced that the Board Application deadline is June 14, 2021.

Mayor Miner recognized an employee of Smiley Transportation for stopping to contact 911 to assist a Watauga resident on May 26, 2021.

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 and Action on renewal of audit services contract with Weaver and Tidwell, LLC**
2. **Consider action to approve the meeting minutes of the May 22, 2021 Splashpad Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; May 24, 2021 Newly Elected Meet & Greet; May 24, 2021 Council Workshop; and May 24, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting**
3. **Consider action on approval of payment to Gexa Energy for Ancillary Service Charges relating to the 2021 Winter Storm**

Mayor Miner announced that the corrected version of the Splashpad Ribbon Cutting Ceremony minutes was provided to Council prior to the meeting, which is what will be voted upon.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consideration and approval of a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date**

Ms. Gibson presented the item to Council which included debt issuance, timeline and requirements.

Council Member Neal inquired if next year's rates would increase. Mr. Andrew Friedman, SAMCO, responded that all indications appear that there will be an increase, but it has not happened yet.

Council Member Neal 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. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 2. Consider and take action to select a Mayor Pro Tem per the City of Watauga Home Rule Charter**

Council Member Hill nominated Council Member Neal.

Council Member Neal nominated Council Member Downey.

Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Miner called for those in favor of Council Member Neal to vote by show of right hand. Nomination carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 3. Discuss and consider action to appoint applicants to the Parks Advisory Board**

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Discuss and provide direction to the Mayor on Mayoral liaison appointments to City boards, commissions, and committees and reporting requirements of the appointed liaisons

Mayor Miner presented the item to Council requesting direction.

The consensus was to require Council Liaisons to attend board meetings and to report back to the City Council on items of significance.

Mayor Miner announced that he will present Council Liaison recommendations at the next Council meeting.

5. Discuss and consider action to reappoint a member to the Civil Service Commission

Ms. Gardner presented the item to Council recommending reappointing Mr. Brian Downey to serve another term.

Council Member Hill made a motion to reappoint Brian Downey. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Neal. As there was no further discussion, Mayor Miner called for the Council to vote. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Shelbourne requested an action item be added to a future agenda to discuss the need for two (2) monthly meetings and if determined that two are no longer needed, for Council to return to (1) one meeting a month. The change could save Staff time, Council time and City expenses such as attorney fees.

Mayor Miner responded that the item can be placed on an upcoming agenda, but he had planned on going back to one meeting after the budget process.

Mayor Miner requested the next agenda include Council Liaison appointments, Cyber Security completion and board reapplications.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, the Watauga City Council will meet in executive session to deliberate the employment and duties of the City Attorney**

- 2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071, the Watauga City Council will meet in executive session to consult with the City Attorney regarding a matter under litigation, Cause No. D-1-GN-17-004766 (City of McAllen, et al. v. The State of Texas)**
- 3. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and 551.087, the Watauga City Council will meet in Executive Session to seek legal advice and deliberate on economic development negotiations with Smit Shah**

Mr. Hyde clarified that regarding Item 2, the City of Watauga is a party in the lawsuit.

Mayor Miner recessed the Regular Meeting for Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Miner reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:03 p.m.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

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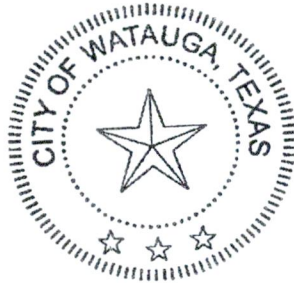
Mayor Miner announced that no action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

APPROVED: this 28TH day of JUNE, 2021.

SIGNED: this 6TH day of July, 2021.



APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner /s/

Andrea Gardner, TRMC, City Secretary

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