



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur L. Miner called the meeting to order at 6:301 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 (Absent with notice)
Lovie Downey	Council Member Place 3
Vacant	Council Member Place 5
Mark Taylor	Council Member Place 6
Jan Hill	Council Member Place 7

and

Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Sandra Gibson	Finance Director
Bradley Fraley	Chief Information Officer
David Berman	City Attorney
Randy Richards	Building Official
Jeannette Garcia	Planning and Zoning Coordinator
Chad Stephens	Interim Director Parks and Community Services

INVOCATION

Pastor J.J. Stevens, of the Victory Tabernacle Holiness Church provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Hill announced that early voting started today for the Primary Election.

Mayor Arthur Miner announced and welcomed New City Manager Joshua Jones and New City Attorney David Berman. He mentioned the Gone but Not Forgotten program that launched in January, which recognizes Veterans who passed away the month before. He thanked public works for keeping the roads sanded during the winter storm. Mayor Miner announced the last day to file for council is Friday at 5:00. Mayor Miner said he and City Manager Josh Jones went to a Tarrant County Transportation summit in Hurst and that exciting things are coming for gas and electric vehicles and drones.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation

Presentation of Service Award for City of Watauga Employees celebrating a milestone anniversary during the month of February 2022.

City Manager Joshua Jones presented service awards to Firefighter David Martinez for 20 years of service.

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 addenda items:

- 1. Consider action to approve the meeting minutes of the January 10, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting.**

- 2. Consider action to approve the continuation of a Massage Establishment Permit for Niu Niu Foot Spa, Hightower Salons, Magic Massage and RR Massage for Calendar Year 2022 as required by Chapter 22, Article VI, Division 2, Section 22-252 of the City of Watauga Code of Ordinances.**

3. **Consider action to approve the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2021**
4. **Consider action to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2021**
5. **Consider action on a Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee; and authorizing the payment of five cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation**
6. **Consider action to approve the Watauga Police Department Annual Contact Report for submission to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.**
7. **Consider action on a resolution authorizing the City of Watauga's continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor and authorizing the payment of ten cents per capita to the Steering Committee to fund regulatory and legal proceedings and activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company; Providing for Repeal; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.**

Mayor Pro Tem Neal made motion, to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Shelbourne seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0-0-1.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discuss and consider action on an ordinance ordering the General Election for the City of Watauga City Council places of Place 1, Place 2, Place 6, and Place 7 for May 7, 2022.**

Councilmember Hill made motion, to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Downey seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote. *Motion carried 5-0-0-1.*

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

2. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance ordering the Special Election for the City of Watauga City Council Place 5 for May 7, 2022.

Councilmember Shelbourne made motion, to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Neal seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0-0-1.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Snyder

3. Discussion and action for approval of purchase and installation of a new picnic pavilion and sidewalk improvements at Capp Smith Park for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Chad Stephens, Interim Director Parks and Community Services, presented this item for consideration. Mr. Stephens stated that a new pavilion is needed that currently, there are limited places to sit to eat when visiting the park.

Mayor Miner asked if the proposed food truck area would tie into the pavilion. Mr. Stephens said the food truck area and the splash pad would use it.

Councilmember Taylor said he looked over the proposed area and is concerned about the impact of the trees in the area. Mr. Stephens said the existing trees won't be affected.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal asked how long the shade structure can be expected to last. Mr. Stephens said that the warranty is 20 years on the steel and ten years on the fabric. Mayor Pro Tem Neal asked what the time frame would be to install. Mr. Stephens said the completion date would be around the first of June and would be ready for this summer season.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal made motion, to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Shelbourne seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0-0-1.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Snyder

4. Discuss and consider dissolving the Youth Advisory Council
Lovie Downey, Council Member, Place 3

Councilmember Downey presented this item. She said that there are currently no members on the board. The problem they are having is it competes with after-school programs and family time.

Councilmember Taylor wants a more proactive approach to getting the youth type Watauga 101 and would prefer not to resolve it.

Councilmember Shelbourne wants to know what department is responsible for the Youth Council. Councilmember Hill said that she was one of the first two assigned to the board. The City Manager at the time was actively involved in this by promoting it but could not get children interested. There were never more than five who signed up to be members, so they never had a meeting. The children who did sign up had parents on city boards. Said she does know if there was ever a department in charge of it.

Councilmember Downey said that Chief Parker was the department head overseeing the board and attended the training and meeting.

Councilmember Shelbourne said it is an excellent idea, but it will take strong adult leadership and a persistent person.

Mayor Miner said they tried, but even with the five who signed up, they could not get three of them to come at the same time to be sworn in. He agrees to keep it on the books if it doesn't cost us anything. He is working with a couple of school board members and is looking at doing a Day With The Mayor to get students involved or to shadow him for the day.

Councilmember Downey said she has applause Councilmember Hill, Ms. Cruze, and Lindsey Neal for them trying to get students involved. She brought this forward to discuss, knowing that we are competing with a lot of outside things, and would like to see a future agenda item for Youth 101. She also thinks it should be handled by the Parks and Rec. or Library since they are involved in the city's children's activities.

Councilmember Downey made motion, to keep the Youth Advisory and not resolve. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote. *Motion carried 5-0-0-1.*

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Snyder

5. Discuss and consider action on appointment to the Watauga Economic Development Corporation.

Arthur Miner, Mayor

Mayor Miner presented this item. He has interviewed Toni Leber and recommends she be placed on the WEDC.

Councilmember Downey said she spoke to Ms. Leber, and she is very enthusiastic. Councilmember Downey said Ms. Leber did a lot of research on the strategic plan for the WEDC and has read the Bylaws.

Councilmember Taylor said he was impressed with Ms. Leber's enthusiasm and willingness to be on the board. He agrees with moving forward with the appointment.

Councilmember Shelbourne made motion, to accept the item as presented. Councilmember Downey seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote. *Motion carried 5-0-0-1.*

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

Abstain: None
Absent: Snyder, Shelbourne

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilmember Hill would like to have an update on the updates on the codes from the earlier workshop today.

Councilmember Downey would like to see on an agenda or workshop item on Youth 101.

Councilmember Taylor would like a discussion on Watauga 101.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss the following items pursuant to the below referenced section(s) of the Texas Government Code:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.**

Mark Taylor, Council Member, Place 6

Mayor Miner announced that the City Council of the City of Watauga would go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council will return to open session in the City Council Chamber for possible discussion and action as a result of the Executive Session.

Mayor Miner reconvened the Regular Meeting after returning from Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

1. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Mayor Miner announced that no action taken would be taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner wanted to thank the recreation center for the success of the Daddy Daughter Dance.

Mayor Arthur Miner adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVED: this 11th day of April, 2022.

SIGNED: this 11th day of April, 2022.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST: Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

Note: Original Audio and Video Recording of this meeting is preserved and maintained by the City Secretary's office.

