



MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur L. Miner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Miner made an announcement asking everyone to respect the other speakers.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Arthur L. Miner
Andrew Neal
Pat Shelbourne
Tom Snyder
Lovie Downey
Malissa Minucci
Mark Taylor
Jan Hill

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 1 - Absent with notice
Council Member Place 2
Council Member Place 3 - Absent with notice
Council Member Place 5
Council Member Place 6
Council Member Place 7

and

Joshua Jones
Linda Proskey
David Berman
Robert Parker
Shawn Fannan
Samantha Ortega
Jeannette Garcia
Paul Hackleman
Randy Richards
Sandra Gibson
Deby Woodward
Juliet Rodriguez
Lana Ewell

City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Records Coordinator
Planning and Zoning Coordinator
Director of Public Works
Assistant Director of Public Works
Director of Finance
Assistant Director of Finance
HR/Civil Service Director
Library Director

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Neal announced that the summer reading club has started and the Mayor's book club is on June 20 from 6-7 the book is Love That Dog.

Mayor Miner announced that Covid cases are on the rise, and hospitalizations are up. Juneteenth is this Sunday, and the Cyber Security training for all board members is due.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Administer the Oath of Office for Place 1, Place 2, Place 5, Place 6, and Place 7 for the Watauga City Council.**

Municipal Court Judge J. Stewart Bass administered the oath of office to Place 2, 5, 6, and 7.

2. **Presentation of the Eagle Scout project to the Fire and Police Department by Jack Bell.**

Life Scout Jack Bell presented flag boxes he built to the Fire and Police departments so flags could be dropped off and disposed of properly.

3. **Presentation of Service Awards for the City of Watauga Employees celebrating a Milestone Anniversary during the month of June**

City Manager Joshua Jones presented the service award to Ryan Thomas for 15 years of service.

4. **Presentation from Frontier Waste Solutions regarding City of Watauga Trash Collection Services.**

Shawn Eiras, Corporate Director, and Shareholder, gave the presentation. They will take over the waste collection in the City of Watauga on July 1. Carts and dumpsters are being delivered between now and the end of the month. Bulk trash will now be picked up weekly and will coincide with the trash day.

Councilmember Taylor asked about cart identification. Mr. Eiras said they do have serial numbers on the cart.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Miner called for Public Comments.

Christy McCauley-Blackburn, 6320 Hunters Glen Drive, Watauga, spoke about animal control concerns and HR applications.

Brian Budnik, 6413 Old Mill Circle, Watauga, spoke about having to bundle branches in the new waste collection contract. He would like not to have to do this.

The following spoke in against the Stedfast Church and their beliefs and comments:

Hillary Ward, 12 County Club Court, Pantego
Scott Young, 6913 Betsy Ross Court, Watauga
Minor – J.S. of Bedford
Kevin Day, 2200 Village Circle, Apt. 1914, Bedford
Nathaniel Courtney, 4537 N O Conner Rd, Irving
Kevin Day, 2200 Village Cir, Apt. 1914, Bedford
Macki Wing, 4928 Orchid Dr, Ft. Worth
Lynette Sharp, 6545 Highlawn Terrace, Watauga
Shella Koke, 4828 Calberson Ct, Ft. Worth
Ida Slapter, 7521 Evergreen Dr. Watauga

The following spoke for Stedfast Church and their rights, also about the protesters outside the Church:

Dillon Awes, 6900 Denton Highway Suite 106, Watauga
Jonathan Shelley, 6900 Denton Highway, Suite 106, Watauga
Phillip Milstead, 1821 Shasta View Drive, Justin
Brent Southard, 6900 Denton Highway, Suite 106, Watauga
Marcel Lugo, 152 Morgan Place, Rhome
Ben Niem was in attendance for support of Stedfast Church, but was not able to speak, due to not receiving the request he submitted.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Miner called for Public Testimony

Michael Maglott from the Watauga Firefighter's Association spoke about the compensation study. Asking that council considers providing parity for the police and fire departments.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read the following consent addenda items:

1. **Consider Approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2021, and May 17, 2022, Special Meetings and the April 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting.**
2. **Consider action on the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2022.**
3. **Consider action on a Resolution to suspend the June 17, 2022, effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change.**

4. Consideration of an ordinance adopting the 2021 International Fire Code with local Amendments.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Mayor Pro Tem Neal made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Ayes, Snyder, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Shelbourne, Downey

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION

N/A

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss amendments to the City of Watauga Council Rules of Procedures.

Mr. Taylor asked that this discussion be postponed to the next meeting since they were unable to see the changes to the Council Rules of Procedures. Mayor Miner agreed to postpone the discussion until the next meeting.

2. Discuss and consider action on the implementation of the Compensation and Classification Plan Study.

City Manager Joshua Jones presented the item. The classification study, was done back in May. The overall cost is about 400,000, and there's different avenues can be used to fund this.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal asked about the impact of parity on the police and fire departments.

The city Manager commented that the classification data the consultants received showed the market starting pay for police and fire are not the same, which is why the steps removed were recommended.

He would have to go back to the consultants, who will have to adjust the entire plan to see the impact.

Councilmember Taylor does not want to delay the implementation but wants to address the concerns of the fire department.

Councilmember Hill is for parity and feels that it impacts morale. Feel that Watauga will do the service to the surrounding community to adopt parity back.

The City Manager said if the council is not ready to adopt this without the changes, it will have to be delayed by default and come back at the next meeting.

Mayor Miner wanted to know how long will it take to determine the additional cost. City Manager Jones could not give the financial impact until he gets with the consultants to run the analysis.

Mayor Miner agrees with Councilmember Taylor about not delaying the implementation.

Mayor Pro Tem Neal made a motion to accept the item with the changes of eliminating the 3 steps for both fire and police. Councilmember Minucci seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Ayes, Snyder, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Shelbourne, Downey

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

Mayor Miner asked for nominations. Councilmember Hill nominated Lovie Downey. Councilmember Minucci seconded the motion. Hearing no other nomination Mayor Miner asked for a vote.

Motion carried 5-0-0-0.

Ayes, Snyder, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Shelbourne, Downey

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mayor Pro Tem Neal asked for a report on the operations of the Splash Pad. Councilmember Hill Seconded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

RECONVENE

N/A

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm

Approved: this 27 day of June, 2022

Signed: this 27 day of June, 2022

APPROVED:

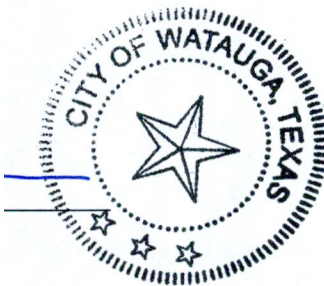
Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary



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