



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022
WATAUGA COMMUNITY CENTER
7901 INDIAN SPRINGS ROAD
WATAUGA TX 76148
9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Miner called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Arthur L. Miner
Lovie Downey
Pat Shelbourne
Tom Snyder
Andrew Neal
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 (Absent with notice)
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 5
Council Member Place 6
Council Member Place 7

and

Joshua Jones
Linda Proskey

City Manager
City Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and provide direction to the City Manager on the upcoming fiscal year 2022-2023 budget.

Mr. Jones presented the item. He is looking for direction on the budget. He would like to know the council's input on the budget and their opinion on the suggestions of projects for the ARPA funds. Showed the strategic plan that was approved last year. He went over the vision and the eight goals approved by the

council last year. He said that when the directors are submitting their department's budget requests, they must identify which of the council's eight goals their request will match.

They discussed the following as possible uses for the ARPA funds and upcoming budget:

- a) Establish an environment conducive to strong and sustainable economic development, keeping businesses from leaving and finding new business, grant opportunities, and tax abatement policy.
- b) Improved community involvement and getting more diversified people on boards and commissions.
- c) Staff motivation through policies, quality of life, better workflow solutions through technology, flex schedules, replacing positions previously removed due to Covid, employee shortage, Unfunded Liability/Leave Bank Reduction/Sick Time. C.O.L.A.
- d) Public Safety, mental health officer, staffing, response times, Emergency Management Grants, Skywatch tower, traffic control.
- e) Street Maintenance, sales tax revenue fund being exhausted this year, and how to refund.
- f) Infrastructure, capital improvement, sidewalk replacement, water pipe replacement, and smart meters.
- g) Code Compliance, bulk trash compliance, waste management, short-term rentals.
- h) Police and Library facilities, electric fleet vehicles, current vehicles, and equipment.
- i) Parks, enhancing citizens' lives through programs at the parks and library, equipping the recreation center as a cooling/warming station, more events, solar panels, and solar lights, and a dog park.
- j) IT, website, more citizen surveys.

Mr. Taylor gave Mr. Jones the green light to use the ARPA funds for the projects presented in the presentation previously submitted when completing the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 FY for consideration. None of the council members opposed.

Councilmember Downey did ask for the position for the ARPA fund manager to be evaluated.

Councilmember Downey and Councilmember Hill agree to use funds to update the website.

All the council agreed that the unfunded liability needs to be reduced and wants an aggressive approach to allocate as many ARPA funds as possible.

Councilmember Hill mentioned emergency management grants, and Mayor Miner would like to see a workshop done on what is available to the city.

City Manager Jones thanked the council for their input and direction on the ARPA Funds and Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

APPROVED: this 25 day of July, 2022.

SIGNED: this 26 day of July, 2022.

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/
Linda Proskey, City Secretary



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