



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

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

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Place 3
Council Member Place 1
Council Member Place 2
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 5
Council Member Place 6
Council Member Place 7

and
Linda Proskey
Joshua Jones
David Berman
Robert Parker
Jeannette Garcia
Sandra Gibson
Deby Woodard

City Secretary
City Manager
City Attorney
Police Chief
P&Z Coordinator
Director of Finance
Assistant Director of Finance

INVOCATION

Police Chaplin, Dennis Serratt, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Neal announced library events a school supply drive, the mayor's book club and superhero day.

Councilmember Hill mentioned there was also a murder mystery at the library.

Mayor Miner announced that Haltom had 3 officers wounded and to please keep them in their thoughts and prayer. The Mayor also announced that we are looking for citizens to be on a board or commission and went over the board vacancies.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Joshua Jones, City Manager, gave service awards to James Nick Cates for 15 years, and Wayne Jarvis for 5 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jillian Giles 6605 Sunny Hill Drive, Watauga TX, spoke about the homestead exemption and the council retreat.

Clara Walton 5801 Concord St., Watauga TX, Spoke of against the certificate of obligation.

Hillary Ward 12 Country Club Court, Pantego, TX 76013, spoke against the Stedfast Church.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No Requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider action to accept the Watauga Crime Control and Prevention District Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance and Joshua Jones, City Manager
2. **Consider action on setting a Public Hearing Date for the Crime Control and Prevention**
District FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget to allow for citizen input at 6:30 p.m. on August 8, 2022, and setting the budget adoption date for August 22, 2022.
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance and Joshua Jones, City Manager
3. **Consider action on an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas amending Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Watauga, Texas, rendering City-provided solid waste collection services mandatory and exclusive; and conduct a first reading of an ordinance approving and ratifying the franchise**

**agreement between the city and its service provider, Frontier Waste Solutions.
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance**

- 4. Consider action to approve the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2022.
Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance**
- 5. Consider action to approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement by the WEDC for the purchase of the property located at 7200 Denton Highway, Watauga, TX, for the amount of \$200,000.00.
Joshua Jones, City Manager**
- 6. Consider action to approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement by the WEDC for the purchase of the property located at 5650 Watauga Road, Watauga, TX, in the amount of \$175,000.00.
Joshua Jones, City Manager**

Councilmember Taylor asked that consent agenda item #6 be pulled and was moved to action item #1.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented with the exception on item #6. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

Ayes, Shelbourne, Downey, Snyder, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION

- 1. P.22-01: Public hearing request for approval of a final plat for Lots 3R2R and 3R3 Block 1, Stringer Addition, being a replat of Lot 3R2, Block 1, Stringer Addition, being located west of Rufe Snow Drive south of Bursey Road and north of High Lawn Terrace; and consider action on the proposed replat to subdivide the lot into two (2) lots to allow future retail development. Owner, SP WA II Development, LLC. Applicant/agent, Blazing Hospitality, Smit Shah.**

Jeannette Garcia, P&Z Coordinator, presented the item. Out of the public notices sent out, they had four returned. They received one for, one against, one was an inquiry, and one was a return to sender. The commission members approved the plat during the P&Z meeting held on July 6. The applicants were in attendance.

Public Hearing opened at 6:53 p.m.

No requests to speak

Public Hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the final plat for 3R2R and 3R3 Block 1, Stringer Addition, agenda as presented with the being a replat of Lot 3R2, Block 1, Stringer Addition. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

Ayes, Shelbourne, Downey, Snyder, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consider action to approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement by the WEDC for the purchase of the property located at 5650 Watauga Road, Watauga, TX, in the amount of \$175,000.00. Joshua Jones, City Manager (this item was consent item #6)**

Councilmember Taylor said he would like an explanation of the item and why we are buying it.

Josh Jones, City Manager, said that this is one of two that he inherited from his predecessor. The idea behind purchasing this property is so that the WEDC has assets for economic development purposes. After reviewing the project and negotiating with the property owners, he agreed with his predecessor and the WEDC board that it is a good deal for the WEDC. There is currently no specific project; it is just an investment opportunity. It can be used for incentives or parlay additional property purchases adjacent to this.

Councilmember Taylor said the property is less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre on Watauga Road; there is also a lot of commercial land on Watauga Road. Does not believe there is a lot of economic development that can be done with this single lot. He does not feel it is a wise investment on behalf of the WEDC.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to accept the item as presented. Councilmember Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote. Motion carried 6-1-0-0.

Ayes, Shelbourne, Downey, Snyder, Neal, Minucci, Hill

Nays: Taylor

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm

Approved: this 26th day of September, 2022

Signed: this 26th day of September, 2022

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary



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