



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8, 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
Sandra Gibson
Lana Ewell
Julie Rodriguez
Timothy Hamilton

City Secretary
Director of Finance
Director of Library Services
HR/Civil Service Director
Parks and Community Services Director

INVOCATION

Paster Dennis Hester, of First Baptist Watauga provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynette Sharp, 6545 Highlawn Terrace Watauga, spoke against the Stedfast Church and for the right to protest.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No Requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read the following consent addenda items:

1. **Consider action to accept the Watauga Economic Development Corporation's Proposed Fiscal Year Budget for FY2022-2023; providing for all anticipated expenditures,**
2. **Consider action to set the Watauga Economic Development Corporation's Proposed FY2022-2023 Budget Public Hearing and Adoption Date for Monday, August 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**
3. **Watauga Economic Development Corporation Place 7 appointment of Macy Forrester.**
4. **Consider action to approve renewal of the "MetroShare" Library Consortium Interlocal Agreement.**
5. **Consider action to re-appoint members of the Boards and Commission with expiring terms.**
6. **Consider action to approve renewal of audit services contract with Weaver and Tidwell, LLC.**
7. **Consider action to approve the minutes from the May 23 and July 11, 2022 Workshops**

Councilmember Taylor objected to consent item #1, said it was never formally presented to the council, and said he would not ask to have it pulled if he is the only person with an issue with it. Item was not pulled from consent.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to accept the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Downey seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-1-0-0.

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

Nays: Taylor

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION

1. Public Hearing on the Watauga Crime Control and Prevention District FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget

Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance presented the proposed budget

Mayor Miner opened the public hearing at 6:43 pm. Since there was no request from the public to speak Mayor Miner closed the public hearing at 6:43 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action to approve the purchase of health, dental and vision insurance with United Healthcare for all eligible employees and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with United Health Care.

Juliet Rodriguez, Human Resources and Civil Service Director, presented the item. She stated that United Health Care was the only response we received back that was able to be considered. Therefore, the recommendation is to continue with United Health care and bundle medical, dental, and vision for a better rate. In addition, they will be introducing tiered employee premiums to help with the costs. She introduced Andrew Weegar with HUB International Texas, Inc. to answer any of the council's questions.

Councilmember Taylor asked if a survey was taken with the surrounding cities to see their health benefits. The costs of the high deductible plan and what other cities are doing regarding funding. He wanted to know if a survey was conducted to see what the surrounding areas offered. Andrew Weegar with HUB International Texas, Inc. answered his questions.

Councilmember Shelbourne asked about whether Blue Cross submitted a proposal. Juliet Rodriguez said they submitted a proposal, but it was late, so it could not be considered.

Councilmember Neal wanted to know how much we are charging the employees. Juliet Rodriguez said it had yet to be determined, but they could inform the council once it has been finalized.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to accept the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Downey seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items to be placed on the future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm

Approved: this 24 day of October, 2022

Signed: this 24 day of October, 2022

ATTEST:


Linda Proskey /s/
Linda Proskey, City Secretary



APPROVED:

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

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