

MINUTES
WATAUGA CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Civil Service Commission Meeting of the City of Watauga of the City of Watauga, Texas was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Bailey.

ROLL CALL

Joe Bailey- Chairman

Barry Sullivan – Vice Chairman

Brian Downey – Member

And

Juliet Rodriguez – HR Civil Service Director

Shawn Fannan – Fire Chief

INVOCATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

None

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. The Fire Department has requested a few changes to our Local Rules Under the Fire Department Section 4.08 Eligibility Standards in the section discussing Physical Ability Test.

Chief Fannan/ Fire Department – They would like to clean up the section that discusses the Physical Agility Test based on current standards to allow flexibility and so they would like to remove the details and just have the section include that it will be approved by Fire Chief. He advised that we will still be conducting practices and let them know what will be included in the test for candidates.

Vice Chairman Sullivan made a motion to approve the change to local rules for the physical ability test. Member Downey seconded the motion which passed as follows.

AYES: Sullivan, Downey, Bailey
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Requested changes to Civil Service Local Rules under section 4.08 and 4.09 under subsection Polygraph Examination.

Juliet Rodriguez, HR/Civil Service Director – We became aware that the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations deregulated the licenses for Polygraph Examiners so we would like to remove the word license from that section.

Chairman Downey made a motion to approve the changes to Civil Service Local Rules under section 4.08 and 4.09 under subsection Polygraph Examination and seconded by Vice Chairman Sullivan.

Vice Chairman Sullivan voiced concerns about if it was for Police/Fire and everyone and would it lesson the reliability and accountability on the Polygraphers part? It raises concerns. Chairman wanted to know how to know who to use and who is qualified.

Juliet Rodriguez – HR/Civil Service Director - it was in HB 1560 that deregulated all Polygraph Examiner Licenses. It wasn't something the examiners wanted but they didn't win, and we would continue using examiners 1st choice and 2nd choice that have had the license in the past.

Chairman Downey made a motion to approve the changes to Civil Service Local Rules under section 4.08 and 4.09 under subsection Polygraph Examination and seconded by Vice Chairman Sullivan.

AYES: Sullivan, Downey, Bailey
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Upcoming Firefighter Entry Exam on June 24th and next Civil Service meeting will be scheduled for last week of June or 1st week of July.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Bailey adjourned the meeting at time 6:13 pm.

APPROVED: this 2ND day of AUGUST, 2022

SIGNED: this 2ND day of AUGUST, 2022

ATTEST:

Julie Rodriguez /s/

Juliet Rodriguez,
HR/Civil Service Director

APPROVED:

Barry Sullivan /s/

~~Joe Bailey, Chairman~~

BARRY SULLIVAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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