



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
SEPTEMBER 12, 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

Joshua Jones
Linda Proskey
Sandra Gibson
Lana Ewell
Julie Rodriguez
Timothy Hamilton
Benjamin Davis

City Manager
City Secretary
Director of Finance
Director of Library Services
HR/Civil Service Director
Parks and Community Services Director
Grant & Recognition Program Manager

INVOCATION

Pastor Jonna Jones, of Northside Church of the Nazarene Watauga provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Jan Hill announced the Kids Fish event.

PRESENTATION

- 1. Presentation of Service Awards for City of Watauga Employees celebrating a Milestone anniversary during the month of September**

Josh Jones City Manager presented the 10-year service award to Rosa Chujoy-McCollum.

- 2. Proclamation for National Senior Center and Fall Prevention Month**

Mayor Arthur Miner presented a proclamation for National Senior Center and Fall Prevention Month to Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County and the Watauga Senior Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No Requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read the following consent agenda items:

- 1. Consider action adopting an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas approving the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Service Plan Update and 2022 Assessment Roll for the Park Vista Public Improvement District of the City of Watauga, Texas; providing for repeal; providing for severability and providing an effective date,**
- 2. Consider action to approve the Monthly Report for the period ending July 31, 2022.**
- 3. Consider action to approve the renewal of a Interlocal Agreement between the City of Watauga, City of North Richland Hills, City of Haltom City, and City of Richland Hills regarding Teen Court (Northeast Tarrant Teen Court)**
- 4. Consider the action of the appointment of Renni Burt to Place 3 on the Civil Service Commission.**
- 5. Consider action to adopt an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas adopting the Capital Outlay Plan for fiscal years 2023-2027; providing for repeal; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.**
- 6. Consider action to approve the Interlocal Agreement with National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)**
- 7. Consider action to approve the minutes from the City Council Regular meetings on June 27, 2022.**

8. **Consider action to approve a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Classification Plan for all employees; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date.**
9. **Consider action approving a resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas designating an official newspaper for fiscal year 2022-2023; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date.**

Mayor Miner pulled item 8 from the consent agenda to be moved to a later date since the resolution was not completed.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve the remaining items as presented. Councilmember Snyder 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION

1. **Public Hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.570200 per \$100 of assessed value for the tax year 2022, comprised of \$0.375187 on each \$100 valuation of property for maintenance and support of the general government and in the amount of \$0.195013 on each \$100 valuation of property for the Interest and Sinking Fund.**

Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance, presented the item. She said that the proposed tax rate is a decrease from the current year's tax rate. But the tax rate is higher than the no-new-revenue rate; therefore, a public hearing is needed. All publications and notices requirements have been met on the proposed tax rate. No action should be taken after the public hearing because there is an agenda item for the tax rate on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Miner opened the public hearing at 6:45 pm.

No request to speak during the public hearing were recieved.

Mayor Miner closed the public hearing at 6:45 pm.

2. **Public Hearing and consider action on Approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos cities steering committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex division regarding the company's 2022 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for**

pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company and the ACSC's legal counsel.

Public hearing was opened at 6:47 pm.

No requests to speak during the public hearing were received.

Public hearing was closed at 6:47 pm.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to approve 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

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discuss and consider action adopting an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas approving and adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; providing for the appropriation of funds in the budget; providing for repeal; providing for severability; and providing an effective date**

Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance, presented the item. The total budget is 61,722,366. The budget includes 25.7 million in Capital Projects and Capital Outlay and 4.1 million in American Rescue Funds Act projects.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Snyder 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

- 2. Discuss and consider action adopting an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas levying ad valorem taxes for the 2022 Tax Year for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Watauga, Texas for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year; apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing**

the date when taxes shall be due and timely paid; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing an effective date; and levying ad valorem taxes for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$0.570200 per \$100 of assessed value, comprised of \$0.375187 on each \$100 valuation of property for maintenance and support of the general government and in the amount of \$0.195013 on each \$100 valuation of property for the Interest and Sinking Fund.

Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance, stated that the motion format must be passed in three separate motions.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made the following motions: To approve the Debt Service tax rate of 0.195013 per \$100 for the 2022 tax year. To approve the Maintenance and Operations tax rate of 0.375187 per \$100 for the 2022 tax year. To approve the Property Tax rate be increase by the adoption of the tax rate to 0.570200 per \$100 valuation which is effectively at 7.41% increase in the tax rate and to approve the ordinance as presented. Mayor Miner stated that a record vote will be required for the third item and at least 60% of the members of the City Council which is five members must vote in favor of all three of them to pass. 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

- 3. Discuss and consider action adopting an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, ratifying a property tax increase reflected in the City of Watauga budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007; providing for repeal; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.**

Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance, presented the item. She stated that Texas Local Government Code requires a separate vote on the tax increase reflected in the budget, which is 0.5702 per valuation and will bring in approximately \$627,000.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Hill made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the city's fiscal year 2022-2023 budget by ordinance 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

4. Discuss and consider action approving an ordinance to amend the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

Sandra Gibson, Director of Finance, stated this item is to amend the 2021-2022 budget due to the increase in sales tax for all of the sales tax funds in the amendment.

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

5. Consider action to approve the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) with Casco Industries, for the Watauga Fire Department utilizing BuyBoard contract #603-20 and ARPA Grant funds.

Ben Davis, Grant & Recognition Program Manager, presented the item. This item is to purchase personal protective equipment in the amount 115,449.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Snyder made a motion to approve 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

Councilmember Taylor want to see a report regarding the Teen Court.
Councilmember Shelbourne seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm

Approved: this 12 day of Dec., 2022

Signed: this 13 day of Dec., 2022

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary



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