



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
JUNE 12, 2023
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
Jan Hill
Pat Shelbourne
Tom Snyder
Lovie Downey
Andrew Neal
Malissa Minucci
Mark Taylor

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

and
Joshua Jones
Linda Proskey
David Berman
Stuart Bass
Sandra Gibson
Deby Woodard
Randy Richards
Jeannette Garcia
Timothy Hamilton
Lana Ewell
Juliet Rodriguez

City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Municipal Court Judge
Director of Finance
Assistant Director of Finance
Assistant Director of Public Works
Planning and Zoning Coordinator
Director of Parks and Community Services
Director of Library Services
Director of Human Resources

INVOCATION

Reverend Rhonda Chambers of the First United Methodist Church provided the invocation.

Reverend Ronda Chambers asked for a moment of personal privilege to speak about the Watauga Fire Department and that the trucks have In God We Trust and how comforting that was. She then proceeded with the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Neal congratulated the Parks and Recreations department for a successful Watauga Fest and Family Fun Day. He mentioned the summer reading club at the library. He also gave condolences to the police department on the passing of Watauga Police K9 Kai.

Councilmember Minucci reminded everyone of the concerts in Capp Smith Park.

Councilmember Taylor mentions that TCU is attending the college world series in Omaha.

Councilmember Hill reminded the citizens that the library and park events are listed on the website and can sign up there.

Mayor Miner mentioned The Mayor's book club is now family book night. Kids Fish is September 15.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Oath of Office for reelected council members

Judge Bass gave the Oath of Offices to Mayor Miner, Councilmember Lovie Downey, Councilmember Andrew Neal, and Councilmember Malissa Minucci.

2. Presentation of Service Awards for the City of Watauga Employees celebrating a Milestone Anniversary during the month of June

Joshua Jones, City Manager, presented service awards to James Varelans for ten years and Robert Boettcher for 15 years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christi McCauley-Blackburn 6320 Hunters Glen Drive. She spoke about how business owners have told her how hard it is to do business in the city. She wants the city to make it more affordable for businesses to promote new products. Also, she spoke about the fire department charging for inspections. She also has an issue with Animal Services and the process they must go through to get an animal medical help.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No Requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miner read the following consent addenda items:

1. Consideration and approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2023
2. Consider action to approve Bank Depository Services RFA # 19-005 for the third and final one-year extension period through August 31, 2024 with Southside Bank.
3. Consider action to approve renewal of the audit services contract with Weaver and Tidwell, LLP
4. Proposed revision of the Watauga Public Library Material Selection Policy
5. Consider action on approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2023
6. Consider action to approve the proposed resolution amending policy 6.04 Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel, Administration and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Neal made a motion to accept the consent agenda 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

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Z.23-01 wSUP: Consideration and action on reconsidering the denial of Planning and Zoning case Z.23-01 with specific use permit.**

Mayor Miner said that this request was denied at the last council meeting. The item was placed on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Neal because he wasn't sure that everyone was clear on what they were voting on. Mayor Miner spoke with the City Attorney, who approved that it could be placed on the agenda for reconsideration.

Councilmember Taylor asked for a point of order stating that it is to reconsider, not discuss, the item.

Mayor Miner stated that he would consider the point of order, but he is explaining why he wants the item back on the agenda to be reconsidered. He said he was told the Albertsons shopping center has two places to get the water and ice, which was untrue. There is one store open from 10 am to 6:30 pm, and there is one other machine that is strictly a vending machine where you can only get water. So, if someone wants to go fishing early in the morning, the store doesn't open until 10 am, and the other one doesn't have it, so there is only one ice machine over in that area, and I did not know if the council was aware of that.

Councilmember Taylor said he looked at the last meeting, and a discussion was held. Councilmember Hill made a statement recommending that the request be denied, and Councilmember Minucci seconded the motion. When the Mayor called for the vote, he stated that the motion was to deny the request. Councilmember Taylor finds it hard to believe that the council did not know what they were voting on. The vote went in favor of Council Members Downey, Hill, Shelbourne, and Taylor and voted against Neal, Snyder, and Minucci, so he sees no reason to consider.

Councilmember Minucci said she did not know the information on Albertsons opening hours or access to the other machines.

Councilmember Neal said he asked the Mayor to bring this back. At first, he requested that the Mayor veto the vote, which that power does not exist since it is a SUP. He also pointed out that this is an economic development opportunity.

Councilmember Taylor pointed out that the council has previously limited other businesses that were close to another similar business. He stated that the members took the vote; he sees no reason to move forward with this.

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to deny reconsideration. Councilmember Downey seconded the motion.

Councilmember Shelbourne clarified that a yes vote would be denying the reconsideration.

Mayor Miner said that he agrees with Councilmember Neal that it would be a bad projection if they deny it.

Councilmember Snyder said he had not heard of anyone saying that they did not know what they were voting for.

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 4-3-0-0.

Ayes, Shelbourne, Downey, Taylor, Hill

Nays: Snyder, Neal, Minucci

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. **Z.23-01 wSUP: Consideration and action on Planning and Zoning Case No. Z.23-01 with SUP for a zoning change from General Business (GB) to Commercial (C) with a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for an ice and water kiosk in a Commercial (C) zoned district if the matter is approved for reconsideration.**

Since action item 1 failed, action item 2 could not be presented. Council moved to action item 3.

3. **Consideration of an Interlocal Agreement for pavement striping of New Bursey Road between Tarrant County and the City of Watauga**

Randy Richards, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the item. This item is for the striping of Bursey Road from Whitley to Rufe Snow. We have done this for several

years. Watauga would provide the paints, and Tarrant County would provide the equipment and workforce. The project is expected to cost about \$5300 and last two years. This process is a lot cheaper than doing thermal plastic.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hill made a motion to approve item as presented. Councilmember Shelbourne 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 Minucci asked about the animal control issue the resident mentioned at the beginning of the meeting and if this needed to be on a future agenda or if the City Manager was going to look into it.

The Mayor stated that the City Manager would look into it.

Councilmember Minucci said then she had nothing at this time.

Mayor Miner said that October 11 is the 65th year the City of Watauga was incorporated. He asked Timothy Hamilton if there were any plans; if not, he would like them on the future agenda. Timothy Hamilton said there was not.

Mayor Miner asked that it be placed on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm

Approved: this 14 day of Aug, 2023

Signed: this 16 day of Aug, 2023

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/
Linda Proskey, City Secretary



APPROVED:

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