

MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur L. Miner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Arthur L. Miner	Mayor
Lovie Downey	Mayor Pro Tem/ Council Member Place 3
Pat Shelbourne	Council Member Place 1
Tom Snyder	Council Member Place 2 (Absent with notice)
Andrew Neal	Council Member Place 4
Malissa Minucci	Council Member Place 5
Mark Taylor	Council Member Place 6
Jan Hill	Council Member Place 7

and

Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Joshua Jones	City Manager
David Berman	City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment submitted.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No public testimony submitted.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Discuss and provide directions to the City Secretary on amendments to the Council Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct Manual

City Secretary Linda Proskey presented this item to the Council. Mayor Miner commented on his disappointment that attire was not addressed, i.e., removed section 3.04 dress code. Mayor pointed out that Council members Hill, Taylor, and Shelbourne were the individuals on this committee. Mayor Pro Tem Downey asked about the dress code being deleted from the procedures, and Councilmember Taylor addressed this question. Pro Tem Downey further discussed her thoughts on the dress code.

Councilmember Shelbourne pointed out that the Council can address their thoughts now, gave their opinion, and asked Ms. Proskey about this. Ms. Proskey advised that she polled other cities, and they did not have this section for their council procedures. Councilmember Shelbourne again brought up that the Council can address this now. Councilmember Minucci feels strongly that the Council should have a dress code and asked about personal cell phones. The Mayor addressed this. Councilmember Hill again said they left the dress code for all the council members.

Mayor redirected the Council to start at item 1 and work through the document. The Council went through the items giving their input on sections:
Section 3.02 for a grammar error.

Section 4.05 Council member Taylor clarified about excused absents to the Council.

Section 4.05 D There were multiple comments made about the topic of electronic devices. Council members Neal and Minucci disagreed with this section. Mayor asked if the consensus was to change the wording, not use it at the dais but keep the item in. Councilmember Shelbourne discussed this further on why they added it. The Council discussed this topic, and Mayor Pro Tem Downey added the right to invoke personal privilege shall be said before leaving to note they left in the minutes.

The Council moved on through the items, Section 5.04. Mayor Miner addressed the wording change, and Councilmember Hill addressed the consequences of someone missing a meeting. These subjects were discussed with the Council. The Mayor left it to the Council, and the consensus was that if there was an issue, bring it to the agenda and have the Council discuss it.

The Council moved on to code 5.05, and Council member Minucci corrected a grammar error. The Council continued with no other changes to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arthur Miner thanked the committee and adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm

APPROVED: this 8th day of May, 2023.

SIGNED: this 9th day of May, 2023.

APPROVED

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary



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