



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
JANUARY 22, 2024
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur 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
Sandra Gibson
Timothy Hamilton
Randy Barkley

City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Director of Finance
Director of Parks and Community Services
Assistant Fire Chief

INVOCATION

Pastor Lynn Nichols of the Northside Nazarene church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Neal announced the animal shelter is in need of cat food.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Emergicon regarding proposed fee schedule changes and updates.

Sandra Gibson introduced Rahim Fancy, Vice President of Finance, with Emergicon, who went over the proposed fee changes on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Fancy recommends restructuring fees from an itemized to a bundled approach. He stated this would maximize reimbursement from Commercial Insurance Alliance, the agency with current industry standards, and can continue to work against the rising cost of supplies and labor that you all must provide for the community. He said bundling should give the city a higher reimbursement rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cody Hickman 5401 ledge stone. Drive Fort Worth, TX 76132. Wants to open an events venue at 6700 Denton Highway, where a former church was for weddings, birthday parties, and special occasions. He owned a catering company for 14 years. Mr. Hickman wanted to ask the council for a special use permit.

Mayor Miner said he needed to go through the planning and zoning department, and they would go through the steps with him.

Joshua Jones, the City Manager, gave him his card to contact him about the process.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider action to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting.**
2. **Consider action to approve an Engineering Contract with Burgess Niple, Inc. for the design and construction administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-CV Round 4 Project (Plum Street Water Improvements)**
3. **Consider action to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Truck from Silsbee Ford through the TIPS Cooperative purchasing program - Contract #210907.**
4. **Consider action on an ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, amending Chapter 12 Fee Schedule Sec. 12-16 (d) Ambulance service rates.**
5. **Consider the approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2024, Workshop meeting.**
6. **Consider action to renew the massage permits for Hightower Salon, Magic Massage, Niu Niu, and RR Massage.**

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hill made a motion to accept the item as presented. Councilmember Neal 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 ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider amending or repealing resolution 18-07-23-05: A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER PURSUANT TO SECTION 7.02(6) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER THE AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE THE APPROVAL OF SICK LEAVE, VACATION LEAVE AND SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH LIMITED SUPERVISION OF THE CITY SECRETARY; PROVIDING THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Miner stated council members approached him about this. He is confident that the City Manager and City Secretary will work together, and according to the City Manager and the City Secretary, there are no issues.

Joshua Jones, City Manager, stated that if this is or isn't in place, it isn't going to matter. It won't change anything.

Councilmember Taylor explained that back in 2018, there was tension between the two departments, which is why the council implemented the resolution. He does not see a need for this any longer and, therefore, feels it should be repealed.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to repeal resolution 18-07-23-05. Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-1-0-0.

Ayes, Shelbourne, Snyder, Downey, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: Neal

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mayor Miner would like the bee ordinance on the first February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm

Approved: this 11 day of March, 2024

Signed: this 11 day of March, 2024

ATTEST:



Linda Proskey, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Arthur L. Miner, Mayor