



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
JUNE 10, 2024
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Arthur L. Miner
Malissa Minucci
Pat Shelbourne
Cris Blackburn
Lovie Downey
Andrew Neal
Mark Taylor
Jan Hill

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

and

Sandra Gibson
Linda Proskey
David Berman
Deby Woodward
Timothy Hamilton
Alan Thomas
Rober Parker
Paul Hackleman

Interim City Manager/Director of Finance
City Secretary
City Attorney
Assistant Director of Finance
Director of Parks and Community Services
Assistant Fire Chief
Police Chief
Director of Public Works

INVOCATION

Pastor Dennis Serratt First Baptist Church of Watauga and police chaplain gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Neal announced the library's summer reading has started. He suggested that people adopt a pet from the animal shelter.

OATHS OF OFFICE

1. **The Oath of Office will be given to the following council members:**

Judge Bass swore in the following council members.

Pat Shelbourne, Place 1
Cris Blackburn, Place 2
Mark Taylor, Place 6
Jan Hill, Place 7

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Proclamation for Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders.**

Mayor Miner presented a proclamation to Joanna Myers and LaShon Jackson-Johnson.

2. **Proclamation for Juneteenth.**

Mayor Miner read a proclamation for Juneteenth.

3. **Presentation of Employee of the Month Award for the month of June**

Mayor Miner and Sandra Gibson presented the Employee of the Month Award to Tonya DeGrand Animal Services Supervisor

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

Mayor Miner and Sandra Gibson presented the Service Award to Max Muller

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doreen Camillone 11760 North Court, Azle TX of Mailbox Momma spoke about her business.

Trudy Palmer 5924 Clovis Ct. Watauga TX spoke about an issue of harassment and disruption she is experiencing in her neighborhood.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City an Interlocal Agreement for street maintenance services by and between the City of Watauga, Texas, and Tarrant County, Texas; providing for repeal; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.
2. Consider action to approve the replacement of four (4) Rooftop Air Condition Units for the Library with A&G Services through the Tarrant County RFB 2022-210 Rates and a \$16,000 contingency.
3. Consider approval of the reappointment of Brian Downey to Place 1 on the Civil Service Commission.
4. Consider approval of the Mayor's appointment of Council Liaisons to the Boards and Commissions.
5. Consider approval for the implementation of a Temporary Civilian Mental Health Coordinator.
6. Consider approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2024.
7. Consider the approval of the May 13, 2024 Regular City Council meeting minutes

Councilmember Neal made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

Ayes, Shelbourne, Blackburn, Downey, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **SUP.24-03: Public hearing to receive comments for or against a request for a specific use permit to allow for a massage establishment at the property commonly known as 6900 Denton Highway #108, Lot A2 Block 6, of the Bunker Hill Addition. The subject property at Sanko Plaza is located north of Bunker Boulevard and east of Denton Highway. Owner: Cider Property Inc. Applicant/Agent: Ransheng Ellis.**

Jeannette Garcia, Planner 1 presented the item and Licensed therapist Ransheng Ellis was present. The business name is A Plus Massage.

Mayor Miner opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM

There were no request to speak

Mayor Miner closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM

2. **Z.24-01: Public hearing to receive comments for or against a request for a zoning change from Single-family (SF-6) to Planned Development (PD), for property commonly known as 6355 Starnes Road, being Lot 1 Block 1, of the Indian Springs Addition. The subject property is to be subdivided into two (2) lots for an additional single-family dwelling and is located north of Starnes Road east of Whitley Road and west of Indian Springs Road. Owner/applicant: Indian Springs Addition LLC, Kevin Wong.**

Jeannette Garcia, Planner 1 presented the item and Kevin Wong Owner/applicant was present at the meeting.

Mayor Miner opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 PM

There was no request to speak.

Mayor Miner closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 PM

3. **P.24-01: Public hearing for consideration of request for approval of a replat for Lot 1 Block 1 of the Indian Springs Addition, known as 6355 Starnes Road, being north of Starnes Road east of Whitley Road and west of Indian Springs Road. The proposed replat is to subdivide the one (1) lot into two (2) lots to accommodate for an additional single-family dwelling. Owner/applicant: Indian Springs Addition LLC, Kevin Wong.**

Jeannette Garcia, Planner 1 presented the item and Kevin Wong Owner/applicant was present at the meeting.

Mayor Miner opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM

There was no request to speak.

Mayor Miner closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 PM

ACTION ITEMS

1. SUP. 24-03: Consideration of a request from Ransheng Ellis for a specific use permit to allow for a massage establishment in a property commonly known as 6900 Denton Highway #108, being a portion of Sanko Plaza which is located north of Bunker Boulevard and east of Denton Highway. Owner: Cider Property Inc. Applicant/Agent: Ransheng Ellis.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Blackburn made a motion to accept the item as presented. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

Ayes: Shelbourne, Blackburn, Downey, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

2. Z.24-01: Consideration of a request from Indian Springs Addition LLC for a zoning change from Single-family (SF-6) to a Planned Development (PD) zoning district. The subject property is commonly known as 6355 Starnes Road. The proposed request is to subdivide one (1) lot into two (2) lots to allow for construction of an additional single-family home.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember 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, Blackburn, Downey, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

3. P.24-01: Consideration of a request from Indian Springs Addition LLC for a replat of Lot 1 Block 1 of the Indian Springs Addition to allow for one additional single-family home. Jeannette Garcia, Planner I 4. Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance providing for a Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release program Jan Hill, Board Member.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Neal made a motion to accept the item as presented. Councilmember Shelbourne seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

Ayes: Shelbourne, Blackburn, Downey, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4. Discussion and possible action on an Ordinance providing for a Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release program.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, WATAUGA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI (ANIMAL CARE) OF CHAPTER 6 ("ANIMALS"), TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A TRAP-NEUTER-VACCINATE-RETURN PROGRAM FOR FERAL CATS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Hill presented the item. She stated that the animal services are not able to implement this due to space and cost. This ordinance allows citizens to trap

feral cats and take them to be neutered or spayed and vaccinated without being penalized for it. She said this involves nothing on the behalf of the city unless they want to monitor, inspect or charge fees but those would need to be addressed by policy. She said that animal services will not be able to take the cats, this has to be done by volunteers.

Police Chief Robert Parker stated that both the staff and the Animal Services Advisory Committee have advised against the city assuming the responsibility and costs associated with a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. They have no objections to a volunteer-based TNR volunteer program, which involves returning cats to their colonies to improve their survival chances.

One aspect of the ordinance being presented tonight is that it allows individuals to bring cats to Animal Services. However, due to limited capacity, Animal Services cannot accommodate feral cats and would have to turn them away. As long as Animal Services is not held responsible for turning people away, they support a volunteer program where citizens take responsibility for the animals and the costs. Chief Parker also noted that state law has recently changed to permit TNR.

Councilmember Downey called the question. Councilmember Hill seconded it.

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Councilmember Blackburn made a motion to accept the ordinance with the amendment to remove subsection C under a friendly amendment.

Council Member Downey accepted the friendly amendment and Councilmember Hill accepted the friendly amendment.

Councilmember Shelbourne asked to speak.

Attorney David Berman stated that he could not since the question has been called.

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-1-0-0.

Ayes, Blackburn, Downey, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: Shelbourne

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilmember Taylor wants a workshop on rental properties in the city.

Councilmember Hill seconded the request. Mayor Miner stated that this is already on the list for a workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm

Approved: this 24 day of June, 2024

Signed: this 24 day of June, 2024

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

