



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
AUGUST 5, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 6:46 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

and

Sandra Gibson
Linda Proskey
Kaleb Smith
Timothy Hamilton
Brian Teneyck
Deby Woodard
Paul Hackleman
Randy Barkley
Robert Parker
Julie Rodriguez
Betty King

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Place 5
(Absent without notice)
Council Member Place 1
Council Member Place 2
Council Member Place 3
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 6
Council Member Place 7

Interim City Manager and Finance Director
City Secretary
City Attorney
Director of Parks and Community Services
Assist. Director of Parks and Community Srv.
Assistant Finance Director
Public Works Director
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Director of Human Resources
Assistant Director of Library Services

INVOCATION

Pastor Dennis Hester of the First Baptist Watauga Church and Police Chaplain gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Neal reminded people to vote in the upcoming election and to register to vote. He also encouraged residents to adopt a pet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public testimony were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent items

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider action and approval of a resolution accepting the Certified Tax Roll for Tax Year 2024 from the Tarrant Appraisal District as certified by the Chief Appraiser.**

Sandra Gibson, Interim City Manager and Director of Finance, presented the item. She said that last year, one of the council members had asked for a mapping of the certified tax roll. She provided the mapping she received from the district, as well as a summary of property tax revenue and distribution.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0-.

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

2. **Discuss and consider action on setting a Public Hearing on the FY2024-2025 Proposed Budget for August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve the item as presented.
Councilmember Shelbourne seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

3. Discuss and consider action and take a record vote on the proposed tax rate of \$0.5702 per \$100 valuation for the FY2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Sandra Gibson, Interim City Manager and Director of Finance, presented the item. She stated that the tax rate of 0.5702 is the tax rate within the proposed budget document. It brings in enough revenue to the general fund, covers maintenance and operations, and includes the debt service for the 2024 certificates of obligation. The no-new-revenue rate is 0.540097, the approval rate is 0.575477, and the de minimis rate is 0.576204. The proposed rate of 0.5702 is under both the voter approval rate and the de minimis rate.

Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Downey seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a record vote.

Motion carried 6-0-0-1

Place 1 – Shelbourne, Yes

Place 2 – Blackburn, Yes

Place 3 – Downey, Yes

Place 4 – Neal, Yes

Place 6 – Taylor Yes

Place 7 Hill, Yes

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Minucci

4. Discuss and consider action on setting the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.5702 per \$100 valuation for August 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Sandra Gibson, Interim City Manager and Director of Finance

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the item as presented.

Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Minucci

5. Discuss and consider action on setting the date of August 26, 2024 to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.5702 per 100 valuation for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve the item as presented.

Councilmember Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilmember Blackburn would like to discuss a councilmember to be a member of the National League of Cities. Mayor Miner asked her to send him any information she has on the matter. Councilmember Downey seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Approved: this 12 day of August, 2024

Signed: this 13 day of August, 2024

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

