



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
JANUARY 9, 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
Lovie Downey
Pat Shelbourne
Tom Snyder
Andrew Neal
Malissa Minucci
Mark Taylor
Jan Hill

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Place 3 Council
Member Place 1
Council Member Place 2 (Absent with notice)
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 5
Council Member Place 6
Council Member Place 7

and
Joshua Jones
Linda Proskey
David Berman
Sandra Gibson
Paul Hackleman
Lana Ewell
Julie Rodriguez
Timothy Hamilton
Robert Parker
Deby Woodard
Randy Richards

City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Director of Finance
Director of Public Works
Director of Library Services
HR/Civil Service Director
Parks and Community Services Director
Chief of Police
Assistant Finance Director
Assistant Director of Public Works

INVOCATION

Pastor Rebecca Aleman from the Northside Church of the Nazarene.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the pledge to the flags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Neal and Councilmember Taylor mentioned the TCU game.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Holiday of Lights Decorating Contest winners

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, announced the contest winners and thanked the Parks Board for judging all the submissions.

2. Volunteer Service Award

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, presented Vicky, Harlan, and Destiny Atchley with a volunteer award for their 108 hours of service at the Halloween Bash event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No Requests for public testimony were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consider approval of ratification of a renewal for Axon products used by the Watauga Police Department**
- 2. Consider action to approve the purchase of (1) Ford F-550 Truck from Sam Pack's Ford through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program.**
- 3. Consider the approval of the minutes from the October 24, 2022 Regular Council meeting.**
- 4. Consider action to approve an award of a miscellaneous and as needed concrete work agreement to Reliable Paving, Inc. utilizing Tarrant County Bid #2022-031 – Various Concrete Services pursuant to a cooperative purchasing agreement with Tarrant County and**

authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement approved by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

5. Consider approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2022.

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

Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Snyder

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Z. 22-03: Public hearing to receive comments for or against a request for a zoning change from Single Family-Attached (SF-A) and Commercial (C) to Planned Development (PD), for property commonly known as 5201-5155 Watauga Road, being Abstract 700 Tract 3A and Tract 3D, of the David L. Hall Survey; and consider action to allow for limited industrial uses to include freight transportation logistics and commercial vehicle parking in a Planned Development (PD) zoning district. The subject property is located on the north side of Watauga Road east of Bent Creek Drive and west of Park Vista Blvd. The Planned Development (PD) is proposed to be platted into (1) one lot. Harmit Chattha, owner and applicant.**

Randy Richards, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the item. The property owner and applicant, Harmit Chattha, has submitted a zoning request for the property legally described as David L. Hall Survey, Abstract 700, Tracts 3A and 3D, to allow for a freight transportation logistics company and commercial vehicle parking within a Planned Development (PD) zoning district. Mr. Richards introduced Samantha Rens, a civil engineer with Evolving Texas, who is the authorized agent for the property owner.

Ms. Rens explained that they are requesting a zoning change from Single Family A and Commercial to a PD for the property located at 5155 and 5201 Watauga Rd. She reviewed the property's history, noting that it has been used for truck parking for over 20 years. In 1988, the property was rezoned to Single Family-Attached. Although Mr. Chattha was aware of

this change, he believed he was grandfathered as nonconforming due to the long-term use of the property for truck parking. Ms. Rens also reviewed the proposed site plan and improvements, adding that they will be donating 5,264 square feet of land to the City.

Paul Hackleman mentioned that City staff requested the donation, as the land is undevelopable but provides access to the channel.

Mayor Miner opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

There were no requests to speak

Mayor Miner closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Neal made a motion to accept the item as presented. Councilmember Shelbourne seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Snyder

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion and action on approval to authorize the City of Watauga to enter into a Construction Contract with Quality Excavation, LLC. for the construction of Whitley Road 4, Paving Drainage and Water improvements pursuant to Bid #23-002 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to the contract.**

Paul Hackleman, Director of Public Works, presented the item. He explained that the project will mirror Whitley 2 and 3, featuring 41-foot-wide streets with bike lanes on both sides, one northbound lane, one southbound lane, and a center turn lane. By keeping the lanes at a narrow 10-foot width, they aim to encourage slower traffic speeds. Additionally, five electronic speed limit signs that flash when drivers exceed the limit will be installed.

A total of six bids were received for this project. As part of the work, existing pavement markings on Bursey Road will be removed. Subsequently, an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County, outside of this contract, will address re-marking Bursey Road with bike lanes and narrowing lanes to further slowdown traffic. Streetlights are not included in this project; however, Mr. Hackleman is exploring having AT&T to add lights to the small cell poles they are installing, which would save the city money.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to accept the item as presented.
Mayor Pro Tem Downey seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Snyder

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.**

Mayor Miner recessed into executive session at 7:13 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Miner reconvened the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

- 1. Consider action, if any, on items discussed in closed session. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.**

Mayor Pro Tem Downey made the motion to accept the evaluation of the City Manager Joshua Jones. Councilmember Minucci seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Snyder

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 10:40 pm

Approved: this 9 day of December, 2024

Signed: this 10 day of December, 2024

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary



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