



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023
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
Pat Shelbourne
Tom Snyder
Lovie Downey
Andrew Neal
Mark Taylor
Jan Hill

Mayor
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

Joshua Jones
Linda Proskey
David Berman
Timothy Hamilton
Paul Hackleman
Deby Woodard
Julie Rodriguez
Randy Barkley

City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Director of Parks and Community Services
Director of Public Works
Assistant Finance Director
Human Resources Director
Fire Chief

INVOCATION

Associate Pastor Owens Victory Tabernacle Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Neal announced that on July 14th at 8:30 PM, the park will be screening *Top Gun: Maverick*. The library's Summer Reading Celebration will feature Superhero Day on July 31st at 10:00 AM. The memorial service for Police K9. Kai will be held on July 13th at 9:00 AM at Northwood Church, 1870 Russell Drive, Keller, Texas. Additionally, there are many dogs available for adoption.

Councilmember Hill reminded that the Animal Services Advisory Board meeting will be held at 11:30 AM on Wednesday in the City Council chambers, followed by the Citizens Focus Group at noon. Members are encouraged to attend and share their opinions.

Mayor Miner shared that the fireworks display on July 3rd was a success, with a Guinness World Record set for the number of drones used. He praised everyone involved for their outstanding efforts.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Service Awards for the City of Watauga Employees celebrating a Milestone Anniversary during the month of July: Steven Osborn 15 Years; Justin Strube 15 years; Sandy Toney 30 years
2. Proclamation to be presented for Park and Recreation Month

Mayor Minor presented a proclamation to Parks Director Timothy Hamilton for Parks and Recreation Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

There was no request for public testimony

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider action to accept the Watauga Crime Control and Prevention District Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024
2. Consider action on approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2023
3. Consider action on setting a Public Hearing Date for the Crime Control and Prevention District FY2023-2024 Proposed Budget to allow for citizen input at 6:30 p.m. on August 14, 2023 and setting the budget adoption date for August 28, 2023
4. Consider action to approve an ordinance to adopt the changes to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Classification Plan for the Fire Department

5. **Consider action for approval of replacement playground equipment purchase and installation for Capp Smith, Hillview, and Indian Springs Parks with Playground Solutions of Texas in an amount not to exceed \$181,522.**
6. **Consider action on approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$25,000 for the continuation of the K-9 Program including K9 replacement, training and other equipment needed.**

Mayor Miner asked the council if they wish to pull any of the items, hearing none he asked for a Motion. Councilmember Hill made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Snyder 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. **Consider action on approval of a 5% CPI rate increase requested by Frontier Waste Solutions with an effective date of August 1, 2023**

Deby Woodard presented the item she stated that Frontier Waste Solutions has requested a five percent CPI increase in accordance with the agreement we have with them. From May 2020 to May 2023, the CPI increased by 7.88 percent. However, under the terms of the agreement, there is a cap of five percent. The increased rate would take effect on August 1.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember 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

2. **Consideration and approval of a resolution by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in securities and exchange commission rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date**

Sandra Gibson presented the item, noting that a workshop on June 26 covered the Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Outlay Plan, identifying high-cost items to be funded through debt proceeds. These include street projects (Hightower Construction and Watauga Road Engineering) and an ambulance. The first step in issuing debt is the publication of a Notice of Intention. Andrew Friedman from Samco Capital Markets explained that this legal step involves publishing the notice on the city's website and in a local newspaper once per week for two weeks. The notice outlines the use of proceeds and the Council's consideration of the sale of Certificates of Obligation, scheduled for September 11.

Friedman stated that the city currently holds a strong AA credit rating, which is expected to be maintained through the rating process with Standard & Poor's. Following Council approval of the resolution, Samco will prepare an offering document, solicit competitive bids, and present results at the September 11 meeting. The debt issuance is not finalized until Council approval, and the city anticipates maintaining the existing tax rate while addressing capital projects in future years due to annual reductions in existing debt and growth in taxable assessed value. Friedman invited questions and confirmed the approach aligns with the city's financial goals.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Downey made a motion to accept the item as presented Councilmember Neil 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel) and Section 551.071 (Legal Consultation) of the Texas Government Code, to receive legal advice from the city attorney and to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.**

Mayor Miner recessed the meeting at 6:52 p.m. for executive session.

RECONVENE

Mayor Miner reconvened the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

Consideration and possible action relating to legal advice from the city attorney and to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Minucci made a motion to acknowledge the current city manager and the written agreement that we have is currently behind us and he will be the new interim city manager for the period of a year with his current car announce and with the same benefits in accordance with the current employees that is in place. Councilmember Snyder 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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Approved: this 13 day of January, 2025

Signed: this 13 day of January, 2025

ATTEST:

Linda Proskey /s/

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Mayor

