



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 (Absent)
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 6
Council Member Place 7

and

Sandra Gibson
Linda Proskey
David Berman
Timothy Hamilton
Deby Woodard
Lana Ewell

Interim City Manager/Finance Director
City Secretary
City Attorney
Director of Parks and Community Services
Assistant Finance Director
Library Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

Public Comments/Public Testimony

There were no requests to speak

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and discussion on Hazardous Waste Collection

Frieda Buck, the city's purchasing coordinator, outlined the current hazardous waste service, which adds a \$0.89 fee to residents' water bills. Despite serving only about 2-3% of residents, \$7,100 is collected from the residents monthly, which is passed on to the vendor. Currently, the city bears the administrative burden without monthly reports from the vendor, leading to a proposal to implement a 7% administrative fee and a 90-day cancellation policy. The vendor rejected the cancellation policy and instead suggested increasing the monthly service fee to \$1.10. Various alternatives were discussed, including renegotiating the contract, holding annual hazardous waste events, ending the service, or utilizing the City of Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center (EEC), which charges a flat fee per vehicle or voucher. Concerns about the cost-effectiveness of the current service arose, along with the need for a more practical and affordable solution while ensuring residents can properly dispose of hazardous waste. Council members emphasized the importance of education to increase awareness of the service, particularly among those who may not fully understand the fee on their bills. Discussions also touched on ensuring that the vendor is properly disposing of the hazardous materials and registered with the TCEQ. Some members expressed support for a quarterly hazardous waste event, with the possibility of combining options like those from Fort Worth to help reduce costs, while still meeting the needs of less mobile residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Approved: this 10 day of Feb, 2025

Signed: this 11 day of Feb, 2025

ATTEST: [Signature]

/s/ Linda Proskey
Linda Proskey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Arthur L. Miner
Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

