



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
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
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 6
Council Member Place 7

and

Sandra Gibson
Linda Proskey
David Berman
Timothy Hamilton
Deby Woodard
Frieda Buck

City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Director of Parks and Community Services
Interim Finance Director
Purchasing Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

Public Comments/Public Testimony

There were no requests to speak

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation on Household Hazardous Waste.

Frieda Buck, Purchasing Coordinator, provided an update on the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. The city sought to revise its agreement with HHW Solutions to include a 90-day cancellation clause, a 7% administrative fee, and a non-exclusive arrangement. HHW Solutions declined the cancellation policy but agreed to non-exclusivity. With the 7% fee, the cost would rise from \$0.89 to \$1.10 per household; a 4% fee would raise it to \$0.93. Without any fee, the cost remains \$0.89. The final proposal is a one-year, non-exclusive agreement with a 30-day renewal window.

Clarification was provided on disposal methods: waste is taken to an aggregation facility; paint is solidified before transport; oil and automotive fluids are stored until collected for recycling or fuel blending; cooking oil is stored and picked up for recycling; fluorescent bulbs and aerosol cans are processed to recover mercury and fluorocarbons; smaller items are either reused or processed by Safety Kleen.

An alternative option is using Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center (ECC), located about 11 miles from City Hall. Through an interlocal agreement, citizens could receive two vouchers annually or participate in a one-day "Crud Cruiser" event managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. Vouchers currently cost \$95 but will increase to \$125 in the next fiscal year. This option would require administrative oversight for voucher tracking and resident verification and shifts disposal responsibility to citizens.

Mayor Miner asked for a consensus on the council's recommendation. The decision to move forward with HHW was unanimous, with convenience for residents cited as the primary reason. The council also recommended promoting the program through social media, possibly including a video, and providing information at other city events to help educate the public on how to utilize the service.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Approved: this 14 day of April, 2025

Signed: this 14 day of April, 2025

ATTEST 

/s/ Linda Proskey
Linda Proskey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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