



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was 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 Place 5
Council Member Place 1 (Absent w/notice)
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
Brian Teneyck

City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Director of Parks and Community Services
Asst. Dir. of Parks & Community Services

INVOCATION

Associate Pastor Mathew Hurst of First Baptist Church of Watauga gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Blackburn and Councilmember Neal Spoke about adopting a pet from the animal shelter.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

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 on approval of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, canceling the May 3, 2025, General Election, declaring unopposed candidates for Mayor, Councilmember Place 3, Councilmember Place 4, and Councilmember Place 5, and requiring certificates of election to be issued to the unopposed candidates.**

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. Mayor Pro Tem Minucci seconded the motion. Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 6-0-0-1.

Ayes, Blackburn, Downey, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Shelbourne

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consider action to approve a park lighting equipment purchase and installation for BISD Park with Voss Lighting Inc., in the amount of \$127,650, with a contingency of \$5,872, for a total cost not to exceed \$133,522.**

Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Neal made a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion.

Prior to the discussion, Mayor Miner informed the Council that she had spoken individually with three BISD Board members regarding the City's interest in purchasing the park property. While no formal decision has been made and the topic has not yet appeared on a board agenda, all three members expressed a willingness to explore the idea.

Timothy Hamilton addressed the Council, noting that the presentation was the same as previously provided, with one update. According to BISD staff, the matter will be mentioned to the BISD Board during their February 27th meeting, so no public discussion is expected before that time.

Councilmember Mark Taylor inquired about the possibility of expanded use of the park. Mr. Hamilton stated that there are no plans for expanded use at this time. However, the upcoming park master plan process will include site visits by the Parks Board and community events at individual parks. The City will solicit public input on how residents envision their park spaces. This feedback will inform a broader, citywide strategy, balancing neighborhood-level needs with an overall vision for Watauga's Park system.

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 6-0-0-1.

Ayes, Blackburn, Downey, Neal, Minucci, Taylor, Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Shelbourne

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilmember Downey requested either a workshop or a presentation on a future agenda, preferably before the upcoming budget retreat—regarding preliminary bond figures for a new police station and library. The goal is to review early numbers in advance of the retreat discussions. Councilmember Taylor has seconded this request.

Councilmember Downey also raised concerns about issues with the turn lane and shoulder use from Whitley Road to Rufe Snow, where drivers are improperly using the shoulder as a traffic lane. She requested that Public Works provide recommendations to address the problem and noted that this issue should be discussed with the City Manager. Councilmember Hill seconded the request.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Approved: this 12 day of May, 2025

Signed: this 13 day of May, 2025

APPROVED:

/s/ Arthur L. Miner

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Linda Proskey

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

