



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, MARCH 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
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
Randy Barkley
James Lewis
Julie Rodriguez
Paul Hackleman
Lana Ewell
Alan Thomas
Randy Richards

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

INVOCATION

Dennis Serratt, Police Chaplin and Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Watauga gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City an Interlocal Agreement for sponsorship and underwriter advertising by and between the City of Watauga, Texas, and North Texas University located in Denton, Texas; providing for repeal; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date**
2. **Consider action on approval of the minutes of January 27, 2025, Regular City Council meeting.**
3. **Consider approval of Layla Downey to Place 4 on the Parks Advisory Board**

Mayor Miner asked the council if they wish to pull any of the items, hearing none he asked for a Motion. Councilmember Neal 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 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Neal spoke about Watauga Fest coming up in May and mentioned that there will be lots of great food and entertainment. He noted that he understands there is a phenomenal lineup this year. He encouraged everyone to consider adopting a pet and mentioned a particular shepherd/Akita mix named Apollo, who he said is a wonderful dog, and would be a perfect companion. He also spoke about the upcoming Kids Fire Camp for 6th–8th graders and said to visit Facebook to sign up.

Councilmember Hill mentioned that the band Little Skynard will be playing on April 25 at the Concert in the Park.

Mayor Miner announced that there will be a "Meet Your Park" celebration at Virgil B. Anthony Park this Saturday, and if the wind cooperates, Parks will also be showing a movie.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consider action to approve an agreement for the collection, hauling, recycling, and disposal of household hazardous waste materials for the Citizens of Watauga with Doliver Enterprises LLC (dba HHW Solutions) as presented.**

Freida Buck, Purchasing Coordinator, presented the item. She explained that the renewal contract, which has been in discussion for a couple months, will be in effect for one year. The monthly cost to residents will be \$0.93, which includes one pickup per month. The next scheduled pickup is on April 15. City staff will promote the program through the city website, newsletter, and eventually utility bills. The goal is to increase participation citywide over the course of the year.

Councilmember Hill made the motion to accept the item as presented.
Councilmember Blackburn seconded the motion.

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 2. Consider action on approval of the City Manager's appointment of Jennifer Calvert to Director of Finance. (Moved to Executive Session Item #2)**

Mayor Miner took this item into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Personnel) to deliberate and discuss the appointment of Director of Finance.

RECESSED

Mayor Miner recessed into executive session at 6:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Consider action on approval of the City Manager's appointment of Jennifer Calvert to Director of Finance.**
- 2. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Personnel), to deliberate and discuss the goals and objectives of the City Manager.**

RECONVENE

Mayor Miner reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

1. Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Personnel), to deliberate and discuss the goals and objectives of the City Manager.

No Action taken

2. Consider action on approval of the City Manager's appointment of Jennifer Calvert to Director of Finance.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer Calvert to Director of Finance. Councilmember Shelbourne seconded the motion.

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mark Taylor requested a workshop on traffic controls and speed limits in residential areas. Mayor Miner seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approved: this 9 day of June, 2025

Signed: this 9 day of June, 2025

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Proskey

Linda Proskey, City Secretary



APPROVED:

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