



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 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
Cris Blackburn
Pat Shelbourne
Lovie Downey
Andrew Neal
Malissa Minucci
Mark Taylor
Jan Hill

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem Place 2
Council Member Place 1
Council Member Place 3
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 5
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

Pastor Rifelle Owens of Victory Tabernacle Church of Watauga gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner and the participants of the youth Fire Camp Program led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation of Employee of the Month Award for the month of June**
2. **Presentation on the Youth Fire Camp Program**
3. **Proclamation for Juneteenth**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Hopkins, of 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, spoke about solicitors and adopting a no-knock registry. He stated that when someone applies for a permit, they are given the no-knock list, so they know not to go to those homes. If they do, the solicitor will be charged a penalty.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Paul Hopkins, of 7509 Meadowbrook Drive, spoke against the Food Truck Park.
Connie Kelly 6528 Alta Vista Drive, spoke against the Food Truck Park.
Chassaty Woolverton 6104 Melody Lane, spoke against the Food Truck Park.
Sarra Poppe 6109 Melody Lane, spoke against the Food Truck Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **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**

Andrew Friedman of Samco Capital Markets, the City's financial advisor, presented the first legal step in the process of issuing Certificates of Obligation (COs) for various city and utility projects. He explained that the resolution outlines the proposed use of debt proceeds, maximum amortization, and the target date for council consideration of the CO sale, currently scheduled for August 11.

Mr. Friedman distributed a packet including a timeline of events, a tax rate impact analysis, and a utility fund pro forma. He noted that the Notice of Intention to issue COs would be published in the newspaper and on the City's website for two consecutive weeks. After a 46-day period, the Council would be eligible to consider the sale.

He stated that, based on preliminary property values and the current tax rate of \$0.5702, the COs can be issued without requiring a tax increase. He also mentioned that the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) may assist with a portion of the debt, though this would not affect the tax impact.

Regarding the utility portion—approximately \$1.5 million—Mr. Friedman indicated the utility system's revenues are sufficient to support repayment over 20 years, with a healthy surplus projected using 2024 audited data.

Upon Council approval, the City would proceed with preparing offering documents, securing a bond rating, and conducting a competitive sale. Final approval of the bond sale is expected on August 11, with funds delivered by August 28, following receipt of certified property values from the Tarrant Appraisal District.

Councilmember clarified that this item that they are voting on is only for the issuance of a bond, assuming if we get a favorable rate they are not voting on the list of projects.

Andrew Friedman added that the amount of borrowing can be scaled back to exclude any project(s) the council does not want to move forward with, and that will be taken into consideration before it is brought to the council for a vote on August 11

Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution of the city council authorizing approving publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation complying with requirements contained in securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2 12 providing an effective date. Councilmember Blackburn seconded the motion.

Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 6-0-0-1.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Minucci

EXECUTIVE SESSION The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss the following items pursuant to the below referenced section(s) of the Texas Government Code:

1. Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Real property), to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange or value of real property.

Mayor Miner recessed the meeting for executive session at 7:29 pm.

RECONVENE The City Council will return to the open session in the City Council Chamber for possible discussion and action as a result of the Executive Session.

Mayor Miner reconvened the meeting at 8:19 pm.

ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

1. **Consider action on the purchase, sale, exchange or value of real property.**

No action was taken

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mayor Miner has requested an update to the ordinance for donation boxes and that it be placed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Approved: this 14 day of July, 2025

Signed: this 22 day of July, 2025

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST: Linda Proskey

/s/ Linda Proskey
Linda Proskey, City Secretary

