



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Dennis Serratt of the First Baptist Church of Watauga gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Blackburn mentioned the Clear the Shelters event coming up on August 16 in downtown Fort Worth and that it is one of the biggest mega adoption events in Texas and that you don't have to wait until the 16th you can go by the animal shelter today and adopt a pet.

Councilmember Neal reiterated the event Clear the Shelter and the need for people to adopt.

Mayor Miner congratulated Maribel Lopez in IT for becoming a certified public communicator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

There was no request for public testimony

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent item

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the Certified Tax Roll for Tax Year 2025 from the Tarrant Appraisal District as certified by the Chief Appraiser**

Jennifer Calvert, Finance Director, presented the item. She stated that the tax code requires the appraisal roll to be presented for the Council's acceptance and approval. She explained that the appraisal rolls are received from TAD around July 25th, and the district has until August 1st to present them. She requested the board's acceptance and approval of the tax roll by resolution

Mayor Miner asked for a motion. Councilmember Downey made a motion to approve the resolution accepting the certified tax roll for the tax year 2025. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion

With no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None

2. Discuss and consider action on setting a Public Hearing on the FY2025-2026 Proposed Budget for August 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Jennifer Calvert, Finance Director, presented the item. She stated that the fiscal budget for FY 2025–2026 was filed with the City Secretary on July 25th and that they would like Council to approve holding a public hearing on the proposed budget on August 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Hill 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

3. Discuss and consider action and take a record vote on the proposed tax rate of \$0.5702 per \$100 valuation for the FY2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Jennifer Calvert, Finance Director, presented the item. She explained that the purpose of this item was to take a record vote on the proposed tax rate. She emphasized that this action was not to adopt the rate. She requested that the proposed rate remain the same as the 2024 tax rate, which is \$0.5702 per \$100 valuation. She stated that whatever rate is proposed today may be lowered later but cannot be increased. She further reported that the no-new-revenue tax rate was calculated at \$0.575688, the voter-approval tax rate at \$0.556950, and the de minimis tax rate at \$0.570248. Therefore, the proposed tax rate of \$0.5702 is below all of those rates.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Downey made a motion to approve the proposed property tax rate of 0.5702 per 100 of assessed valuation. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion.

Mayor Miner called for a roll call vote.

Motion passed 7-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Discuss and consider action on setting the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.5702 per \$100 valuation for August 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Jennifer Calvert, Finance Director, presented the item. She requested that the public hearing on the proposed tax rate be officially scheduled for August 25th at 6:30 p.m. She noted that the proposed tax rate of \$0.5702 per \$100 valuation is consistent with the rate recommended in the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2025–2026.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve setting the public hearing on the proposed tax rate of 0.5072 per \$100 evaluation for August 25, 2025, at 6:30pm. Councilmember Neal 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

5. Discuss and consider action on setting the date of August 25, 2025 to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.5702 per 100 valuation for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Jennifer Calvert, Finance Director, presented the item. She stated that following the public hearing on the tax rate, a vote on the tax rate is required, and she requested that the vote be scheduled for August 25th, 2025, at the 6:30 p.m. meeting.

Mayor Miner asked for a Motion. Councilmember Downey made a motion to accept the item as presented. Councilmember 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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilmember Blackburn would like to review the potential shift of May elections to November due to upcoming legislation.

Council members expressed gratitude for staff contributions to the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Approved: this 8 day of Dec, 2025

Signed: this 8 day of Dec, 2025

ATTEST: [Signature]

/s/ Linda Proskey

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Arthur L. Miner

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor



