



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026
12:00 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
Vacant
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
Randy Barkley
Paul Hackelman
Kevin Mead
Jennifer Calvert
Timothy Hamilton
Julie Rodriguez
Lana Ewell

City Manager
City Secretary
Asst. City Manager/Fire Chief
Asst. City Manager/Public Works Director
Asst. Police Chief
Finance Director
Parks Director
Human Resources/Civil Service Director
Library Director

INVOCATION

Pastor Samuel of Lisu Church gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE United States and Texas Flags

Mayor Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Blackburn stated that there are several large-breed dogs in need of homes and asked that people adopt one.

Councilmember Neal thanked city staff for their work during the ice storm, announced Wataugafest on May 14, noted upcoming library art classes for all ages, and encouraged visiting the animal shelter to adopt a dog.

Mayor Miner announced that the public library received another Achievement of Excellence award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association, placing it in the top 8% of over 250 libraries. He noted that Public Works had prepared well for the recent polar vortex, keeping roads in good condition—better than most other cities. Mayor Miner also shared that the mayor of Southlake sent a letter of thanks for the fire department's response to a recent event, highlighting the department's strong reputation in the community.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Employee of the Month Award for the month of January

Sandra Gibson and Mayor Miner presented Sergeant Danielle Bannick from the police department, with the Employee of the Month Award.

2. Presentation of Service Awards for the City of Watauga Employees celebrating a Milestone Anniversary during the month of February

Sandra Gibson and Mayor Miner presented Brad Harston with the Milestone Anniversary Service award for 20 years.

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 granting a franchise agreement between the City of Watauga and Atmos Energy Corporation to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines and equipment in the City of Watauga.**
- 2. Consider approval of a resolution approving the Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) for the Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Crossing (Off System) between the City of Watauga and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) located at US 377 (Denton Hwy) and Watauga Road.**
- 3. Consider action on approval of an Ordinance by the city council of the City of Watauga, Texas amending ordinance no. 2026-002, to extend the deadline for submission of ballot applications for the May 2, 2026, special election to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term for City Council Place 5.**
- 4. Consider action to approve a franchise ordinance and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a franchise agreement with Tri- County Electric Cooperative for the provision of electric services in the City.**
- 5. Consider action to authorize submission of a grant application to apply for the grant (#5687201) to secure federal funds for the Watauga Police Department to purchase a 3D Laser Scanner**
- 6. Consider action on approval of the appointment of Crystal Morgan to Place 1 on the Animal Advisory Board**
- 7. Consider action on approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2025.**
- 8. Consider action on approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2025.**

Mayor Miner pulled item 1 from the consent agenda and placed it on the March 9, 2026, agenda.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Hill made a motion to accept the consent agenda as amended. Councilmember Neal seconded the motion

With no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 6-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consideration of approval of an Ordinance of the City of Watauga, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, by amending Division 4 (Board of Appeals) of Article III (Boards and Commissions) Chapter 2 Administration) to repeal provisions of the code relating to the Board of Appeals, replacing references to the Board of Appeals to the City's Board of Adjustment and empowering the Board of Adjustment to serve as the Building Standards Commission, providing a repealing clause; proving a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.**

The amendment repeals provisions related to the board of appeals, replacing references with the city board of adjustment and empowering it to serve as the building standards commission. The city attorney was consulted to combine the two boards due to a shortage of citizens to serve, with the goal of expediting processes when required. Councilman Neal inquired about the board of appeals' legal authority on building codes and how it would be integrated into the new board. The ordinance consolidates all quasi-judicial authority into the board of adjustment, which exists at both the state level and in city ordinances. The consolidation aims to improve efficiency by having one qualified board handle all related matters, with members acting in different capacities depending on the issue.

Mayor Miner called for a Motion. Councilmember Shelbourne made a motion to approve as presented. Councilmember Downey seconded the motion

With no further discussion Mayor Miner called for a vote.

Motion passed 6-0-0-0.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Approved: this 9 day of March, 2026

Signed: this 9 day of March, 2026

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Proskey
Linda Proskey, City Secretary

