



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 5:30 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
Kevin Mead
Alan Thomas

City Manager
City Secretary
Assistant Police Chief
Assistant Fire Chief

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

There was no request for public testimony

ACTION ITEMS

The council discussed managing training and travel through an ordinance or the Council Rules of Procedure, with a preference for rules as a less cumbersome option. A subcommittee proposed giving each member a set budget, with additional funding requiring council approval.

Members raised concerns about unclear individual allocations and emphasized annual review of budget line items. Legal counsel confirmed budgets must be adopted by ordinance but said Council Rules of Procedure can guide spending.

The council debated a “one and done” approach, balancing accountability with flexibility for unexpected travel. They also considered individual versus pooled budgets, stressing transparency, fiscal responsibility, and minimizing pressure on staff.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS


There were no items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Approved: this 8 day of June, 2026

Signed: this 9 day of June, 2026

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Proskey
Linda Proskey, City Secretary

APPROVED:

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

