



**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD,
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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
Paul Hackleman
Randy Barkley
Timothy Hamilton
James Lewis
Jennifer Calvert
Lana Ewell
Jeannette Garcia

City Manager
City Secretary
Director of Public Works
Fire Chief
Director of Parks and Community Services
Police Chief
Director of Finance
Library Director
Planner 1

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment

ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation, discussion and consideration of a facility action plan for the Police, Animal Control, and Library

Finance Director Jennifer Calvert presented the post-bond facility action plan for the police, animal control, and library following the failed bond election, which passed at approximately a 60/40 margin against. She noted significant ongoing facility needs driven by rising maintenance costs, inefficiencies, and deteriorating conditions.

The proposed approach includes phased critical upgrades, use of reserves where appropriate, and consideration of a future bond committee, with priority needs including HVAC and power upgrades, storage and operational improvements, and safety enhancements such as fencing, lighting, security, and structural protections. Animal services priorities include perimeter fencing, utility upgrades, sanitation improvements, backup power, expanded storage, and humidity control systems for kennel areas.

Staff also reported on police facility conditions, noting underutilized space, repurposed areas, fleet reductions, and significant substructure deterioration that limits long-term repair options. Library needs were also reviewed, including roof and plumbing issues, potential mold, aging infrastructure, security gaps, inadequate electrical capacity, accessibility deficiencies, and overcrowding due to space constraints.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Approved: this 13 day of July, 2026

Signed: this 14 day of July, 2026

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Proskey

Linda Proskey, City Secretary



APPROVED:

/s/ Arthur L. Miner

Arthur L. Miner, Mayor