



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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Arthur Miner called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened with the following members present:

Arthur L. Miner
Mark Taylor
Pat Shelbourne
Cris Blackburn
Lovie Downey
Andrew Neal
Stephen Welch
Jan Hill

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem Place 6
Council Member Place 1
Council Member Place 2
Council Member Place 3
Council Member Place 4
Council Member Place 5
Council Member Place 7

and

Sandra Gibson
Lan'Tiqua Banks
Linda Proskey
Paul Hackleman
Timothy Hamilton
James Lewis
Jennifer Calvert

City Manager
City Attorney
City Secretary
Director of Public Works
Director of Parks and Community Services
Police Chief
Director of Finance

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment

ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation covering e-bikes e-motorcycles, e-scooters, and applicable laws.

James Lewis, Police Chief, presented an overview of the increasing use of electric mobility devices and the corresponding rise in complaints. He reviewed the classifications and legal requirements for electric bicycles, electric motorcycles, electric dirt bikes, electric scooters, and other micro-mobility devices, emphasizing that education and voluntary compliance are the department's primary goals. The presentation highlighted safety concerns related to excessive speeds, the quiet operation of electric devices, and children operating them without proper supervision or understanding of the applicable laws. Council discussed the limitations of the City's current ordinances and the need to develop a comprehensive micro-mobility ordinance that provides clearer regulations, improves public safety, and consistency with neighboring communities. Voluntary registration and safety education programs were also discussed as potential ways to encourage responsible use and improve theft recovery. Staff will review the ordinance and make recommendations for Council's future consideration.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Approved: this 3 day of Aug., 2026

Signed: this 3 day of Aug, 2026

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Proskey

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

