

**MINUTES
WATAUGA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas convened at 7:08 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing with the following members present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Place 4 David Griffin
Council Member, Place 3 Sandra Bush
Council Member, Place 2 Tom Snyder
Council Member, Place 5 Melva Clark (absent)
Council Member, Place 6 Mark Taylor
Council Member, Place 1 Scott Prescher
Council Member, Place 7 Kim Irving

and

Andrea Gardner, City Manager
Zolaina R. Parker, City Secretary
Robert Parker, Chief of Police
Bradley Fraley, Chief Information Officer/PIO

Citizen input and discussion with regard to allowing backyard chickens

Mayor Pro Tem Griffin opened the Public Hearing and Police Chief Robert Parker introduced the topic for this public hearing.

Chief Parker reviewed the research into policies of eleven neighboring cities regarding backyard chickens. He suggested that persons, who wished to speak on this topic, also address the following questions that were being considered in a proposed ordinance:

Specific number of chickens Min/Max?
Allow Roosters or Crowing Hens?
Require Permits/Inspections?
Require training?
Minimum proximity to property line?
Minimum lot size requirements?
Other considerations

Citizens' Comments:

Cheneya Cruze, 6013 Kary Lynn Dr. South – in favor of backyard chickens

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Emma Harvey, 6809 Richardson Dr. – in favor of backyard chickens

Jeremy Moody, 5924 Robin Dr. – in favor of backyard chickens

Kay Ivy, 6135 Starnes Rd. – expressed concerns

Paul Hopkins, 7509 Meadowbrook Dr. – discussed benefits and requirements for permits/inspections

Emily Kim, 6641 Mona Lisa Ave. – in favor of backyard chickens

Amanda Cochran, 6517 Alta Vista Dr. – in favor of backyard chickens

Katie Johnson, 5924 Robin Dr. – in favor of backyard chickens

Chief Parker announced that another Public Hearing on this topic would be held on February 11, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem David Griffin thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED: this 13th day of May, 2019

SIGNED: this 17th day of May, 2019

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Terri Johnson
Terri Johnson, Interim City Secretary

NOTE: Original Audio and Video Recording of this meeting is preserved and maintained by the City Secretary's Office