



WATONGA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 15, 2023

*In accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Law, this Agenda was posted,
August 11, 2023, Prior to 5:00 PM at the Main Street Entrance of Watonga City Hall, located at 410
West Main Street, Watonga, Oklahoma 73772*

The City Council of the City of Watonga met at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 15, 2023,
in the Large Meeting Room of Watonga City Hall, located at 410 W. Main Street, Watonga,
Oklahoma, for a scheduled meeting.

Invocation: Adam Lovitt, Christian Church Pastor
Pledge of Allegiance: Bill Seitter, Mayor
Council Present: Bill Seitter, Mayor, Travis Bradt, Ladina Willis, Ryan Bruner
Staff Present: Karrie Beth Little, City Manager; Deborah McGee, City Clerk;
Rodney Jacks, Treasurer, Jared Harrison, Attorney
Declaration of a Quorum: 6:00 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held June 28, 2023.
- B. Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held July 18, 2023.
- C. Review the list of Claims against the City of Watonga for the month of July 2023.

A motion was made by Ladina Willis and seconded by Travis Bradt to approve the
Consent Agenda.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis

Travis Bradt

Ryan Bruner

Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried.

ACTION AGENDA

- 1. Presentation: Monthly Financial Report for the month of July 2023, as presented by
Dacia Phillips, RS Meacham, CPA.
- 2. Julia Barbara Cosby v City of Watonga, OK
USDC for the Western District of Oklahoma
Case No. CIV-23-550-D

Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action: to enter Executive Session,
upon the advice of legal counsel, for the purpose of confidential communications
between the City Council for the City of Watonga, Oklahoma and its attorney
concerning the lawsuit previously referenced. Public disclosure of these
confidential communications would seriously impair the ability of the city and its

attorney to properly process and defend this litigation. As such, the communications in this Executive Session are confidential. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)]

A motion was made by Travis Bradt and seconded by Ladina Willis to enter Executive Session, upon the advice of legal counsel, for the purpose of confidential communications between the City Council for the City of Watonga, Oklahoma and its attorney concerning the lawsuit previously referenced. Public disclosure of these confidential communications would seriously impair the ability of the city and its attorney to properly process and defend this litigation. As such, the communications in this Executive Session are confidential. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)] Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis
Travis Bradt
Ryan Bruner
Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried.

3. **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action:** to return to regular meeting and vote to take any necessary action related to the Executive Session identified for:

Julia Barbara Cosby v City of Watonga, OK
USDC for the Western District of Oklahoma
Case No. CIV-23-550-D

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Julia Barbara Cosby v City of Watonga, OK
USDC for the Western District of Oklahoma
Case No. CIV-23-550-D

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis
Travis Bradt
Ryan Bruner
Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried.

4. **Presentation:** Friends of the Ferguson President Connie Burcham.

5. **Consideration, Discussion and Action:** To approve or reject the Proof of Loss for damaged to the Ferguson Home caused by high winds.

A motion was made by Ryan Bruner and seconded by Ladina Willis to reject the Proof Loss Claim for damage to the Ferguson Home caused by high winds.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis
Travis Bradt
Ryan Bruner
Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried.

6. Consideration, Discussion and Action: Regarding vacancy on Ward 2 seat.

A motion was made by Travis Bradt and seconded by Ladina Willis to take care of the vacancy on Ward 2 as we have done in the past.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis
Travis Bradt
Ryan Bruner
Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried.

7. Consideration, Discussion and Action: Mercy clinic leased building work list as provided by Mercy.

No action taken.

8. Consideration, Discussion and Action: To accept the contract with Zona Verde for a one-bedroom house.

A motion was made by Ladina Willis and seconded by Travis Bradt to accept the contract with Zona Verde for a one-bedroom house.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis
Travis Bradt
Ryan Bruner
Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried.

9. Consideration, Discussion and Action: Temporary Street closure from Weigle Street ½ block from alley to the Church.

A motion was made by Ladina Willis and seconded by Travis Bradt for a temporary Street closure from Weigle Street ½ block from alley to the Church. The estimated time of the closure will be for one and a half months.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis

Travis Bradt

Ryan Bruner

Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried.

10. City Manager Updates: presented by Karrie Beth Little.

11. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Travis Bradt and seconded by Ladina Willis.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Bill Seitter called for a vote.

Aye: Ladina Willis


Travis Bradt

Ryan Bruner

Bill Seitter

Nay: None

The motion was carried at 7:42 PM.



Bill Seitter, Mayor



Deborah McGee, City Clerk