

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Monday June 26th, 2023

MINUTES

On this 26th day of June 2023, the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:30 pm in a rescheduled Regular City Council Meeting. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:

Members Present: Mayor Rachel Moreno, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Pat Land, Alderman Laney Barnes

Members Absent: Alderman Terry Cole, Alderman Dee Roden

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Laney Barnes, Starla Whitehead, Steven Whitehead

A. CALL TO ORDER

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call. Public notice of this meeting has been given and a quorum is present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

At this time Mayor Rachel Moreno asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and Alderman Dee Roden said the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No speakers

D. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report and Starnes Street Project: Craig McCollum gave update on May and June utility department activities. Updated on the Dallas St project and Starnes Street project has begun. Updated council on evaluation after the storm and power outage. The city did not have to issue a boil water notice, we will have to pull the pump at well 4, working on getting the electronics fixed at well 5, need to change valve in 8" line.

2. Park/City Beautification

Alderman Dee Roden was not at this meeting, but park is as usual and can get updates when she returns.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

A few permits have been submitted and have begun the process.

b) Reports filed.

TCEQ reports have been filed from Glenn (water) and Benji (wastewater). No gas or court reports are due currently.

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c) EPA Response letter with status of wastewater treatment plant.

Last year EPA did an inspection on the city's wastewater plant. They sent us a letter of infractions to be corrected. The city replied to the letter with plan of action for corrections and began the process of correction. They reached back out to us regarding the letter requesting further response and so we collected responses from Benji Gresham and East Texas MUD of current results of the wastewater treatment plant and what the city has been doing to make the corrections in the letter and to also inform them of the project to close the plant and ship the waste to ETMUD for processing and the estimated timeframe for that project.

d) City policy on weather warning siren.

Set up an ESM with Smith County to set up a policy to have whoever gets the inclement weather notification first will set off the siren for Winona.

e) Codes and ordinances to be updated for our website and a printed copy.

American Legal will assist us with getting out codes and ordinances updated and codified for our website. They can do both a digital copy and a printed copy. Looking to do the digital copy first and then getting the hard copy later as this process will take longer to get done. We will need to go through and update our ordinances before we hand them over to begin the process.

f) Storm/power outage update

Jett Septic working with Craig McCollum kept everything going as far as the water and wastewater flowing for customers. The road to the treatment plant had washed out and had to be repaired, the paddle wheels went out due to the power surges, well 4 impellers are going out due to the power surges, well 5 has electric panel out due to lightning strikes on the tower. The city had to rent a generator for well 5. Smith Couth Sherriff and Larry Smith were amazing in helping the city get services that were needed for food and water, a cooling station at the fire department. Mayor Moreno, Candy Folley, Alderman Dee Roden and other citizens in the community delivered food and water to residents unable to get out of their homes as well as checking on them to make sure they were doing ok with the heat.

E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Administering the Oath of Office to the new council members.

Statement of Officer and Oath of Office were executed for Laney Barnes for Alderman position administered by City Secretary Deana Powell. The new member took their seat.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council reserves the right to convene into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consult with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personal Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development). This session is session.

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G. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Laney Barnes made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 6:50 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the council, this meeting was adjourned.

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary