

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 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, Alderman Dee Roden

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest Present:** Craig McCollum, Ray Hollis, Betty Hollis, David Beck, Fonteyn Beck

**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 gave the invocation prayer.

**C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM**

Ray Hollis spoke at this time.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Minutes; June 06<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Canvass June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Run-Off Election Special Call Minutes; June 26, 2023, Rescheduled Regular Minutes**

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:**

**1. Approval of May and June Financials**

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to table this discussion until next months meeting and seconded by Alderman Pat Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. 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 should be complete next week. Well #4 went down after the power outage and repairs have been made but still having electrical issues. We have a new Family Dollar

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going in in Owentown and we will be supplying gas to them. Not many new meters have been installed for new construction due to the new construction slowing down. Cleaning up the maintenance barn, we have purchased more shelves and getting the barn organized and will get an inventory started once clean-up is completed.

**2. Park/City Beautification**

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden. No updates as it is still too hot to do any work at the park. Did come to the park to dig a few things but just too hot to do much. Farmers Market/Craft Fair will be postponed until it cools off, we might change it to holding the function 2-3 times a year and holding it at Miller Park.

**3. Mayor Updates**

**a) Update on permits submitted for processing.**

We have had a generator and solar to be installed but no building permits submitted in the past 30 days.

**b) Reports filed.**

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

**c) Storm/power outage update**

Pulled pump from Well #4 and repaired it. It took longer than expected. Insurance covered about \$27,000 of the \$33,000 bill. Pulled the paddle wheels out of the racetrack and repaired one of them and still working on the other one. We have some electrical work to be done. Inquiring about generators for City Hall and the Community Center

**G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action on appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem.**

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to appoint Dee Roden as Mayor Pro-Tem and seconded by Alderman Pat Land. Alderman Dee Roden accepted the nomination. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Discussion and possible action on adding a signer on all accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Hughes Springs and Southside Bank.**

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to add Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to be a signer at both banks on all accounts and remove David Beck and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action to appoint an East Texas Council of Government representative for the city.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to appoint Alderman Pat Land and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway. Alderman Pat Land accepted the nomination. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 4. Discussion and possible action to increase the uniform limit for the utility department.**  
Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to get city uniforms with logo and employee name and \$500 yearly stipend and seconded by Alderman Pat Land.  
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- 5. Discussion and possible action to increase rates on the community center rental and possible change rate structure.**  
Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to accept the changes of \$150 half a day rental and \$250 for all day rental leaving the deposit of \$100 the same and removing inside city and outside city differentiation and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.  
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- 6. Discussion and possible action on the Heartland Park project.**  
Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to table this discussion until next month and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.  
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. 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.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:37 pm.  
Seconded by Alderman Pat Land.  
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Rachel Moreno, Mayor

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Deana Powell, City Secretary