

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday August 15th, 2023

MINUTES

On this 15th day of August 2023, the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:31 pm in a Regular City Council Meeting. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:

Members Present: Mayor Rachel Moreno, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Pat Land, Alderman Laney Barnes

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Shane Barnes, Kaicee Campbell WYSA, David and 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 Pat Land gave the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Kaicee Campbell spoke at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of July 18th, 2023, regular meeting minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve the minutes for July 18th, 2023, and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of amended financials for December through April 2023

David Beck spoke to the council stating that there is nothing wrong with the financial statements and that they are just a way to keep up with the month-to-month expenditures that the true financials come from the audits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to table this discussion until next the special call meeting and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

- 1. Utility Department Monthly report:** Craig McCollum gave update too hot to really do anything right now, but they have installed 2 meters, two new accounts in Owentown they extended lines to the new Family Dollar and to Better Humans. The wells are pumping

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about 200,000 gallons a day with everyone watering their yards more. The mayor purchased a generator and an excavator at the auction for well 5 and the utility department. Well 4 is back up and running.

2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden that it too has been too hot to do much. Shane with Heartland is ready whenever we are to discuss more about the park. Trades day/Fall Festival will be held at Miller Park on October 28th, 2023. That will be the weekend before Hwy 80 sales.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

All permits have been filed and all reports have been filed.

Storm update, fixed pump on well 4, got estimate on paddlewheel for the sewer plant, ordered SCADA system for well 5. Mayor Rachel Moreno and Criag McCollum went to a fire prevention class. The sewer plant connection with ETMUD is seeing movement.

They are in the process of purchasing land on the corner of Jones and Hwy 155 for the lift station location. Smith Co road and bridge has not been able to come into the city to repair potholes due to their hot mix machine being down. They are expected to get the part to repair it sometime in November.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to set a proposed tax rate for the 2022 taxing year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to accept the 2023 proposed tax rate of 0.407732 and seconded by Alderman Pat Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to set a date for the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget workshop.

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to Monday, September 11th, 2023, at 6:30pm and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

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 a closed session.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:05 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

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