

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday August 28th, 2018

MINUTES

On this 28th day of August, 2018 the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:30 pm in regular session. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:

Members Present: Mayor Pat Schlau, Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Candy Folley

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Ronnie Pilcher, Mike Sebring, Cynthia Bobbitt, John Smith

A. CALL TO ORDER

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

B. INVOCATION

At this time Mayor Pat Schlau asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Alderman Candy Folley to approve July 17th, 2018 Regular meeting minutes, Town Hall meeting minutes, and August 21st, 2018 Regular meeting minutes and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of July 2018 financials.

Motion was made to approve the July 2018 financials by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to schedule a 2018/2019 budget workshop meeting.

Motion was made to have a budget workshop on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of the Sabine River Authority Grant of \$10,000 for the City sewer system.

Discussed at this time. No motion necessary.

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E. FOLLOW UP ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action for Miller Park. (Dede Stroud)

a. Discussion and possible action for a workday for the swing project.

Waiting for company to send stakes for border to be installed, Craig's Dirt Service from Lindale has Donated 2 loads of dirt to finish up the base underneath the swing to be delivered 08/29.

b. Discussion and possible action about the sign for Miller Park.

Awaiting measurements for size and style of sign. Will discuss more at the September 11th, 2018 meeting.

c. Discussion and possible action to add an account at First National Bank of Hughes Springs for a separate Park Fund account to accommodate for donations.

Motion was made to approve setting up an account for the Park Fund at First National Bank of Hughes Springs with same signers by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All approved; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the 911 district budget for the fiscal year of 2018/2019.

Motion was made to approve by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to cast votes for the TML IRP Board of Trustees Election for Places 11-14.

Motion was made to not cast any votes by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 3. Discussion and possible action on the new rate increase by our garbage service Republic of 4.1% with an effective date of October 1st, 2018 to reflect this increase also to our garbage rates.**
~~Motion was made to increase the city's garbage by \$0.50 by Alderman Candy Folley and no second~~
Motion died due to no second.
~~Motion was made to allow the rates to remain the same by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and no second~~
Motion died due to no second.
Motion was made to increase the city's garbage rates by \$0.50 beginning October 1st, 2018 by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.
Three (3) in favor; Two (2) opposed. Motion carried majority vote.
- 4. Discussion and possible action for proposed ad valorem tax rate for City of Winona for 2018/2019.**
Motion was made to not increase the tax rate and leave it at \$0.40 for the 18/19 Fiscal Year by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.
Four (4) in favor; One (1) opposed. Motion carried majority vote.
- 5. Discussion and possible action for the proposed budget for 2018/2019 FY.**
Motion made under section D-2 to hold a budget workshop on September 11th, 2018.
- 6. Discussion and possible action for budget review of a mower and 39 HP Diesel Tractor.**
Will be discussed further at the budget workshop being held on September 11th, 2018.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to replace our current line locator for the City of Winona's Utility Department.**
Motion was made to approve pending a 2nd quote from Ditch Witch made by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Discussion and possible action to change out the old phone key system the phones are currently using to a newer system through Etex.**
Motion was made to accept the new contract with Etex by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Discussion and possible action to possibly employ John Smith as the City of Winona Chief of Police with agreed upon negotiations.**
Motion was made to approve the hiring of John Smith made by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.
Three (3) in favor; Two (2) opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

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- 10. Discussion and possible action for City of Winona inquires or changes to current police manual.**
No inquires or changes necessary at this time.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to allow Mayor to pursue a possible interlocal agreement between the City of Winona and Smith County in regards to the 911 processed calls through Smith County and the Use of the County Jail.**
Motion was made to allow the Mayor to move forward by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12. Discussion and possible action to approve a new contract between the General Land Office and the City of Winona for the delivery of gas to UT Health Science Center North.**
Motion was made to allow the Mayor to sign an interim amended agreement at the rate of \$0.50 per MCF beginning September 1, 2018 with the General Land Office made by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13. Discussion and possible action to possibly hire a part-time financial officer/office manager or office clerk.**
Discussion postponed to the September 11th, 2018 meeting.
- 14. Discussion and possible action on the sewer pond evaluation of past, present, and future repairs or upgrades, services to customers, cost, and anything else related to the sewer department for a full discussion.** (Possible executive session)
Mayor updated council on new information received from an analyst sent from the State.
Discussion will continue at the September 11th, 2018 meeting.
- 15. Discussion and possible action on gas services, repairs, upgrades, General Land Office, and anything else gas related for a full discussion.** (Possible executive session)
Pending updates from outside sources.
- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding executive session discussion of employee evaluations.**
No action at this time.

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G. 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 discussion only and any decisions made during this discussion will be mentioned and voted upon once reconvened into regular session.

Mayor closed regular session at 7:58 pm and opened up into executive session at 7:59pm. Closed executive session at 9:10 pm and opened back up into regular session at 9:11 pm.

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074, the City Council will convene into executive session to deliberate the duties and evaluations of the following employees: Ronnie Hays, Carl Jones, Carl “Bo” Ingerson, Chad Hankins, and City Secretary Deana Powell for evaluations for 2018/2019 payroll.**

Discussed at length.

H. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Guest spoke to the Council at this time.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Candy Folley made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:21 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Pat Schlau, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary