

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:30 pm in a Regular City Council Meeting. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:**

**Members Present:** Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Candy Folley, Attorney Blake Armstrong

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest Present:** Ronnie Pilcher, Michael Sebring, Pat Land, Ronny Young, Stephanie Hays, Terry Cole, Shelley Brumley, Nelson Brumley, Ronnie Hays

**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 Pro-Tem Curtis Land asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**1. January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Minutes; January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup> Special Call Minutes.**

Motion was made by Alderman Candy Folley to approve the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular minutes and the January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Call minutes and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed; Motion carried unanimously.

**D. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:**

**1. Approval of January 2019 Financials**

Motion was made to approve the January 2019 financials by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:**

**Utility Department**

Utility Supervisor Ronnie Hays updated council on utility department standings with the Railroad Commission, the lift station, and the water and sewer system.

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**1. Park**

Updated on the fall surface for the swing area; a group of ladies are working on possible flower beds; and contacted the historical society and found that the City of Winona was actually founded on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1879. Interested in possibly starting a historical society for the City of Winona.

**F. CURRENT ACTIVE PROJECTS:**

**1. Evaluation and discussion on utility wide rates for all departments of gas, water, and sewer utilities.**

Motion was made to table discussion by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Discussion and possible action on the Sewer Pond evaluation of past, present, and future repairs of upgrades, and anything else related to the sewer department for a full discussion.**

Ronnie Hays updated council during utility department report.

Motion was made to table discussion by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action on gas service, repairs, upgrades, GLO, ATMOS, and anything else gas related for a full discussion.**

Ronnie Hays updated council during utility department report.

Motion was made to table discussion by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

**G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action to decide what to do with the vacant Mayor seat.**

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

Three (3) favor; one (1) opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

**2. Discussion and possible action to Amend the Resolution for First National Bank of Hughes Springs to Remove Pat Schlau as a signer.**

Motion was made to approve amendment to remove Pat Schlau as a signer from First National Bank of Hughes Springs by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

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All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action on community wide street repairs and quotes with issues around them.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land updated council on repairs being done to the streets. No action taken.

**4. Discussion and possible action concerning out three (3) city trucks.**

Proposed to put items up for auction or go out for sealed bids and sell to highest bidder. No action taken.

**5. Discussion and possible action concerning the speed bumps placed on Starnes St.**

Motion was made to table discussion to research further by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion and possible action to seek out a part-time employee to assist in the office.**

Motion was made to table until next meeting by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Winona Police Department/Police Chief.**

Motion was made to forgive the \$400 by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Discussion and possible action to reinstate the use of Tele-One call center and to add a dedicated line for the City's use for after hour calls.**

Motion was made to reinstate the use of Tele-One and add the dedicated line needed by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Discussion and possible action to approve a permit for Leon Signs to re-locate the sign at Crystal Springs to a new location on their property.**

Motion was made to approve the permit by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**10. Discussion and possible action to move the funds from the old TexPool accounts Savings fund and Reserve Fund into the new account at First National Bank of Hughes Springs for the Utility Deposits.**

Motion was made to transfer \$8700.00 into the Utility Deposit Fund from the old TexPool accounts by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously

**11. Discussion and possible action regarding employee handbook updates. (Candy Folley)**

Update to cell phone allowance to add Mayor/employee that is not issued a city phone be reimbursed a \$30 phone allowance per month.

**12. Discussion and possible action to possibly reinstate Code Red. (Candy Folley)**

Discussed at length. No action taken.

**13. Discussion and possible action to update the job descriptions for the positions of City Secretary, Mayor, and Utility Director.**

Motion was made to table discussion until next meeting by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously

**14. Discussion and possible action on the status of City Secretary Deana Powell and giving her annual review with a possible pay increase.**

Motion was made to increase Deana Powell's salary to match \$16.50 per hour beginning 03/01/2019 by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. VISITORS OPEN FORUM**

Guest spoke at this time.

**I. 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.*

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 regarding personnel matters Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land closed regular session at 8:04 pm and opened into executive session at 8:04 pm. Closed Executive session at 8:13 pm and reconvened into regular session at 8:14pm.

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**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Dede Stroud made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:42 pm.

Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Curtis Land, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Deana Powell, City Secretary