

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday April 16th, 2019

MINUTES

On this 16th day of April, 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 Curtis Land, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden, Alderman Candy Folley

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Sandy Jones, Shelley Brumley, Ronnie Pilcher, Michael Sebring, Ronnie Hays, Greg Dorris, Mike D (last name illegible), Darla 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 Curtis Land asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. March 19th, 2019 Regular Minutes.

Motion was made by Alderman Dede Stroud to approve the March 19th, 2019 Regular minutes and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

3 in favor; none opposed; 1 abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of February and March 2019 Financials

Motion was made to approve both February and March 2019 financials by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Guest spoke at this time.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

Utility Supervisor Ronnie Hays updated council on Gas, Water, and Wastewater departments. Added a new odorizer was added at 757 and still in talks with the Railroad Commission to possibly allow us to reinvest our fines back into the systems repairs. We still have a long way to go but making progress.

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2. Park

Updated on the progress for the swing area. The progress is being slowed due to weather. Will need to remove mulch that was put down laydown the fabric and re-lay the mulch. Looking into putting a fence around the perimeter of the park. Possibly doing a fundraiser and selling pickets in memory of or in honor of names on each picket to create a picket fence around the park. Mr. Grandberry offered the rocks from the old school to use for a possible fence material. Other ideas were discussed about possible fundraises for the park.

G. 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

H. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to add Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to the signature card at 1st National Bank of Hughes Springs.

Motion was made to approve adding Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to the signature card at 1st National Bank of Hughes Springs by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to call a special call meeting to canvass the May 4th election anytime between May 7th and May 15th.

Motion was made to hold the special call meeting on May 7th by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to amend the special call meeting to include discussion on further employee, rates and benefits by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

3 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the amended agreement with Magnum Gas.

Motion was made to approve the amended agreement by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Discussion and possible action to seek out a new IT company for our computer and security needs and look into upgrading to Office 365 on the office computers.

Motion was made to go with EGA as out IT company by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to update the job descriptions for the positions of City Secretary; Mayor; and Utility Supervisor. (Candy Folley)

Discussed that it is still a rough draft to be added to, removed from, and bring back to next meeting to approve at the May or June meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action to possibly add speed bumps to Wildcat Dr. (Terry Cole)

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

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action to look into reducing the speed limit on Hwy 16E beginning at the most recent updated City limits just West of the City. (Karen Hysell)

On hold until City limit sign is moved to new location of City limits then TxDot will need to conduct a speed study. No motions made.

8. Discussion and possible action to possibly hire a part time person in the office.

Motion was made to contact temp agencies to get rates and bring back to the May 7th meeting for decision by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

3 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

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 (Personnel 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.

Closed Regular Session at 7:36pm and opened into executive session at 7:36pm to discuss possibly hiring a part time person in the office pursuant to Texas government code 551.074 personnel matters. Closed executive session at 8:00pm and reopened in regular session at 8:00 pm.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Candy Folley made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:01 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.

Curtis Land, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary