

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday May 21st, 2019

MINUTES

On this 21st day of May 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Terry Cole, Alderman Karen Hysell

Members Absent: Alderman Candy Folley

Guest Present: Darla Smith, Ronnie Pilcher, Michael Sebring, Mike Everheart, Dennis McKee, Craig Attaway, Karen Hysell, Terry Cole, Debora Cole

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. VISITORS OPEN FORUM:

Dennis McKee spoke at this time

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. April 16th, 2019 Regular Minutes; May 7th, 2019; and May 14th, 2019 Special Call Minutes.

Motion was made by Alderman Dede Stroud to approve the April 16th, May 7th, and the May 14th, 2019 minutes and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed; Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of May Financials

Discussion tabled until June meeting.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

Utility Department

Utility Supervisor Ronnie Hays updated council on utility department standings with the gas system, water, and wastewater systems. Gas is the top of the priority list currently along with the sewer treatment facility. We are on the way to replacing 700ft of gas line along with clean up at the sewer treatment facility from the flooding. Excessive rain has also cause issues with Johnson Rd in one spot and working on keeping it from washing out. Will be looking into installing a fire hydrant at the Methodist Church on Church St.

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1. Park

Updated on the fall surface for the swing area, the volunteer that has been helping has his tractor in the shop and is unable to assist with removing the mulch to lay down the felt paper and recover it with the mulch at this time.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Administering the Oath of Office to the new Council Members and recognition of departing members.

New members Terry Cole, Craig Attaway, and Karen Hysell gave their statements and were administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Curtis Land then took their seats at the Council Table. To the outgoing Council Members thank you for your service to the City of Winona.

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint someone to fill the vacant alderman seat for the 1yr term remaining.

Motion was made to wait and see what skill set is needed and seek someone to fill that roll and table discussion until next meeting by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion was made to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden for the one-year term by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on the designation of an official newspaper.

Motion was made to continue to use Tyler Paper by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on the designation of an official bank for the City of Winona.

Motion was made keep using 1st National Bank of Hughes Springs Winona Branch by Alderman Karen Hysell and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Attorney.

Motion was made to keep using Blake Armstrong, PC by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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7. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Judge.

Motion was made to continue using Judge Mitch Shamburger by Alderman Karen Hysell and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible to continue the use of Acker and Co as the City Auditors.

Motion was made to continue the use of Acker and Co for City Audits by Alderman Karen Hysell and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action on appointing someone to head the park/city beautification committee.

Motion was made to recommend Karen Hysell by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway. Alderman Karen Hysell accepted the appointment.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the Appraisal District Budget.

Discussion tabled until June meeting.

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt the 2019-2021 Tax Abatement policy.

Motion was made to renew the Tax Abatement policy by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible action to decide on a temp service and rate to pay a new hire for the office.

Motion was made to table until next meeting by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible action to hire Jack Carter as our natural gas compliance specialist.

Motion was made to hire Jack Carter as our natural gas compliance specialist by Alderman Karen Hysell 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 discussion only and any decisions made during this discussion will be mentioned and voted upon once reconvened into regular session.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:06 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

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