

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2020 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 Craig Attaway, Alderman Terry Cole, Alderman Karen Hysell, Alderman Gary Fox

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest Present:** Craig McCollum, Michael Sebring, Ronnie Pilcher, Julia Lucile Perry

**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**

No guest spoke.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**1. December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to approve the December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:**

**1. Approval of December 2019 Financials**

Motion was made by Alderman Craig Attaway to approve the December 2019 financials and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:**

**1. Utility Department**

Craig McCollum updated council on utility department projects throughout the month.

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**2. Park**

No new updates.

**3. Mayor Updates**

- a) **Inform City Council and citizens of problem with baby wipes and other material.**
- b) **Inform City Council that our solid waste contract has been extended until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**
- c) **Inform City Council that the city is currently in discussion with Smith County on an Interlocal Agreement for help on the repairs of streets within the city limits and other services.**
- d) **Report on wastewater treatment plant status.**
- e) **Look into the possibility of starting a farmer's market in the park for the spring. Ideas and helpers would be needed**
- f) **Look into the possibility of starting a book swap for the kids for the summer or sooner.**
- g) **Reminder of Town Hall meeting to be held on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30, at the High School Auditorium.**

All items above were talked about by Mayor Curtis Land to update and inform the Council and citizens. Mayor Curtis Land also informed council of a special call meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Community Center.

**G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action to approve the May 2020 election calendar.**

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to approve the May 2020 calendar and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Discussion and possible action to approve the interlocal agreement between Smith County, Winona ISD, and the City of Winona for the upcoming election.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to approve and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action to call the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Election.**

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to call the May 2<sup>nd</sup> election and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 4. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a used vehicle to be used by the Utility Department at an estimated price range of \$10,000 - \$15,000. Also, approval to allow the Mayor to seek out a loan for the purchase of this vehicle.**

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to approve this purchase and allow the Mayor to seek out a loan and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Discussion and possible action to accept the Railroad Commission agreement for settlement of \$30,000 for the fines to the city for being in non-compliance with Railroad Commission regulations.**

Motion was made by Alderman Karen Hysell to approve and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve changing from GovPayNet over to The Payment Group for credit card processing.**

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to approve change and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Discussion and possible action to give the Mayor approval to hire for the front office position that was occupied by Darla Smith with the possibility of executive session to discuss hours and wage to pay.**

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to approve the Mayor and City Secretary to hire a full-time employee at \$10 per hour not to exceed 40 hour a week with benefits to begin upon completion of a 90 day probation period and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

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.*

Regular session was closed by Mayor Curtis Land pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, at 7:23pm and opened into executive session at 7:24pm to discuss the personnel matters of hiring a new employee.

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Mayor Curtis Land closed executive session at 7:35pm and reconvened back into regular session at 7:35pm.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:37 pm.  
Seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.  
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

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Deana Powell, City Secretary