

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday March 17th, 2020

MINUTES

On this 17th day of March 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, Ronnie Pilcher, Rusty 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. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No guest spoke.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. January 21st Regular Meeting; February 4th Special Call; and February 6th Town Hall Minutes; February 18th Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to approve the January 21st Regular Meeting, February 4th Special Call; February 6th Town Hall Minutes; February 18th Regular Meeting and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of February 2020 Financials

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to approve the February 2020 financials and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

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 with park.

3. Mayor Updates

a. Office Equipment

Discussion: Purchased New Computer for Utility Clerk

b. Water/Wastewater department update regarding TCEG Fine

Discussion: \$98,965.00 fine from TCEQ; Contacted Senator Hughes office who stated that there is nothing they can do, Contacted Representative Hefner's office who also stated that there is nothing they can do, Contacted Governor's Office and still waiting.

c. Gas Department update on Railroad Commission audit

Discussion: Found 2 non-compliance items. Gas loss is at 8% down from 28%.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action on due dates for utility bills.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to have three proposed dates for bill due dates and bring back next meeting for discussion and approval and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to allow mayor, city secretary and utility worker to put together on proposal to bring to next month's meeting was made by Alderman Terry Cole and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to accept the interlocal agreements with Smith County for patching and basic road repairs.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry to accept the interlocal agreement for patching and basic road repair and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to accept the interlocal agreement with Smith County for abating brush, tree limbs, and other vegetative growth along City's public streets and roads.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to accept the interlocal agreement for abating brush, tree limbs, and other vegetative growth along public streets and roads and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Discussion and possible action on the management contract for the water system between the City of Winona and East Texas MUD.

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

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to possibly approve an engineering agreement with the C.T Brannon Corporation to allow them to conduct a rate survey on the City's water/wastewater billing rates.

Discussed \$4750.00 proposed to do rate study. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to approve using C.T. Brannon Corporation for our rate study 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.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:39 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

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