

CITY OF WINONA
Special Call City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday December 21st, 2021

MINUTES

On this 21st day of December 2021, the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:30 pm in a Special Call City Council Meeting. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:

Members Present: Mayor Curtis Land, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox

Members Absent: Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Rachel Moreno

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Edward “Benji” Gresham, Mark Myer, Sonny Hubbard, Denny Wheeler, Ronnie Pilcher, Michael Sebring, Doug McKinney, Jimmy Pleasant, Bobby Mihalhauser

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 at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. November 16th Regular Meeting and November 18th Special Call Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Craig Attaway to approve the November 16th, 2021 regular minutes and November 18th, 2021 Special Call Minutes and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. October 2021 and November 2021 Financials

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem to approve the October and November 2021 financial reports and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

Craig McCollum gave update on November utility department, Edward “Benji” Gresham updated on wastewater report.

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2. Park/City Beautification

No updates at this time.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Upgrade to Mayor's Computer

Mayor's computer was upgraded, and the old computer will be moved to the utility barn to update the computer there.

b) 2020 Audit

Mayor Land updated the council on the progress of the 2019/2020 Audit currently being completed.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2021-12 for the rehabilitation of affordable rental housing at 905 Pecan Lane, named Pecan Groves Apartments.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the Resolution 2021-12 and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All approved; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action on rate increase of 4.5% by Piney Woods Sanitation and if this rate increase is to be passed through to the customers.

Motion was made by Alderman Gary Fox to approve the rate increase to be passed through to the customers to increase the garbage rates to match the increase assessed to the city and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on the rate increase by Tele-One Communications by the city's after hour call center.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to table this discussion and other proposals brought before the council at the next meeting and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the building permit for 612 Dallas St of a 28x24 building w/porch to include utilities of water, sewer, and electric.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the building permit for 612 Dallas St and seconded by Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Discussion and possible action to approve the building permit for 704 Dallas St of a 24x35 shop and a 12x20 carport.

Motion was made by Alderman Craig Attaway to approve the permit for 704 Dallas St and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion on the preliminary engineering report by SPI.

Topic discussed at length and no motion necessary at this time.

7. Discussion and possible action to hire Mountain Companies to assist in getting the sewer pond back into compliance of our TCEQ WWTP permit by removing sludge from the ponds.

Motion was made by Alderman Gary Fox to table this discussion until next month and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action to seek out the possibility of getting a loan against the \$75,000 CARES Act funds to come in September of 2022 to help fund repairs to the WWTP to get back into compliance with the WWTP permit.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve and seek the possibility and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the quote from 7-H to do repairs to N Kay St.

Motion was made by Alderman Gary Fox to table this discussion until next meeting and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action on the duties and evaluations with possible pay increases for the following employees: Carl Jones, Carl “Bo” Ingerson, Steven Craig McCollum, Scotty Powell Utility Department, Lysie Daniels Utility/Court Clerk and Deana Powell City Secretary for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. (Possible executive session)

Motion was made by Alderman Craig Attaway to table this discussion and pay any increases agreed upon to be retroactive back to the beginning of January and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

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 session.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:56 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Curtis Land, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary