

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday June 21st, 2022

MINUTES

On this 21st day of June 2022, 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 Pro-Tem Rachel Moreno, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Terry Cole

Members Absent: Mayor Curtis Land

Guest Present: Leslie Lake, Ronnie Pilcher, Scott & Carmen Rivera, Candy Folley, Konnie Brand, Kathy Steele-Mathews, Omar Tabbakh, Craig McCollum, Lane Thompson, CJ Petty, Jason Romine

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 Pro-Tem Rachel Moreno asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Guest spoke to the council and guest present at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. May 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to approve the May 17th, 2022, regular minutes and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. May 2022 Financials

Motion was made by Alderman Gary Fox to approve the May 2022 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 May utility department and utility reports for the sewer system (DMR), there were no water report due for the month of May, all employment records are filed through Gusto payroll system, and the monthly court report has been completed.

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2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden, the farmers market/craft fair had 7 vendors this month and they are going to close the market for July and August because of the heat but will hope to reopen for the month of September.

3. Mayor Updates

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action on accepting the resignation of Mayor Curtis Land.

No motion necessary. Mayor Land passed away on Saturday June 18th, 2022.

2. Discussion and possible action on the vacant Mayor seat and the possibility of reallocating City Secretary designation to include Administrator and determine duties expected with the possibility of a rate increase.

Part 1: the vacant seat: Motion was made by Alderman Craig Attaway to nominate current Mayor Pro-Tem Rachel Moreno to the Mayor seat and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rachel Moreno accepts the nomination of Mayor.

Part 2: City Secretary Designation: Motion was made to table this discussion till next month's meeting and add discussions for the whole staff rate increases and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Terry Cole nominates himself to do a benchmark study to bring forward recommendations for pay rates per job classifications.

3. Discussion and possible action on bringing in an inspector from neighboring cities to inspect roads and infrastructure prior to the city taking over ownership.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to table this discussion until July meeting and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on discussion tabled from previous meeting to pass by Ordinance procedures for new construction guidelines to include utility infrastructure being installed within the city limits of Winona.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to accept Ordinance to be numbered with the next ordinance number available and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to pass Ordinance 119-C Modified to increase the water and sewer rates.

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to table this discussion until further information is available and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Discussion and possible action on discussion tabled from previous meeting to increase the rate for the tapping fees to cover the increase cost to the city. (Also, Ordinance 119-C Modified)

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to increase the ¾" and 1" meters from \$800 to \$1800 and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action to amend motion made on 10/20/2020 agenda of submitting in writing completion of reports filed monthly, quarterly, annually to the council and change it to an oral report given by Utility Supervisor and noted in the minutes for record.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to accept the change from written to verbal reporting and being notated in the minutes for record and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action to set a date for budget workshop in July.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to set the date of Thursday July 14th, 2022, at 6:30pm and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action to remove Mayor Curtis Land as a signer at the banks and add a new signer.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to remove Curtis Land and add new Mayor Rachel Moreno and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action to into getting a new gas fleet card for the city with either Texaco, Shell, or Exxon.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to give Mayor Rachel Moreno and City Secretary Deana Powell the authority apply for whichever one is available and convenient for utility staff and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible action to possibly add a basketball goal at the park. (CJ Petty)

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to table this discussion until further information is available for the council and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

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12. Discussion and possible action to possible add trash bins around the park.

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to add a trash can at the park if around \$200 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 session.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:57 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary