

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday November 15th, 2022

MINUTES

On this 15th day of November 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 Rachel Moreno, Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Terry Cole

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Gerald Anderson, Mike Branch, Leslie Lake, Candy Folley, Michael Sebring, Ronnie Pilcher, Luis Diaz, Jorge A Diaz, Lena Zabich

A. CALL TO ORDER

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call. Public notice of this meeting has been given and a quorum is present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

At this time Mayor Rachel Moreno asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck said the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No guest spoke at this time Mr. Pilcher is waiting until item #2 to speak.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. October 3rd, 2022 Special Call and October 20th, 2022 Special Call Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck made the motion to approve the October 3rd and the October 20th Special Call minutes and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. September and October 2022 Financials

Mayor Pro-Tem David Beck made motion to approve Both September and October 2022 financial reports and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report: Craig McCollum gave update on October utility department and all utility reports for the sewer system & water system has been completed and sent out

b) Gas Line at Community Center

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A truck ran over the gas meter at the community center the day before early election began. It has been reported to the insurance company and repairs have been made with a few still to be completed.

c) Sewer Plant update from Commissioners Court

It was approved by the Commissioners Court to fund the full \$3.7 million dollar project to tie into East Texas MUD. The process will get started as soon as East Texas MUD gets their SAMS number to be able to receive the funds.

d) TCEQ Update

We had an inspection by TCEQ on our Wastewater Treatment Facility and it was a good inspection. The inspector even stated that she is going to start removing some of the previous violations as they become rectified.

e) Golf Cart, Jeter repairs, Ranger repairs, and backhoe repairs

We were able to purchase the golf cart through Lowe's that was approved for purchase on the budget as well as looking into getting the Jeter machine repaired, we had to have the Ranger truck repaired and it is back on the road as well as the backhoe had to have more repairs done to it and it is currently operational again.

2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden, looking at getting the Christmas decorations put on at the park starting next week. Looking into putting up a memorial area in the park and moving the placker that is in front of community center over to the park and add three flag poles.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing

There were no new permits submitted this month, all permits that have been submitted have gone through review and been approved.

b) Incident at City Hall and repairs underway

Updated by Mayor Rachel Moreno that there was a truck that ran into the front of the city hall building resulting in damage to the building. Mayor Moreno has filed an insurance claim with TML and given them the insurance information from the person who hit the building over to them to handle. She has also gotten quotes for the repairs and picked the lowest quote and hired them for the repairs. They will begin as soon as the window and materials needed for repairs to be done have been obtained.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

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- 1. Discussion to be considered in the total amount of the reimbursement due to Nolan Farms LLC from the City of Winona per the Economic Incentive Agreement for Water, Sewer, and Gas installation which has been completed in Phase I. (Nolan Farms, LLC)**
Presented by Michael Branch and asking for the council to decide if engineering and surveying is part of the construction cost. Would like guidance and clarification on definition of cost of construction. Discussion only, no motion taken at this time.
- 2. Discussion and possible action on setback variances for construction at Garrett Estates Subdivision. (Les Lake)**
Presented by Les Lake; that the setbacks go from the zoning code to the building code to the fire code. Not asking for any changes to be made to the codes. Will be making aware of discussion with AOKA. Discussion only, no motion taken at this time.
- 3. Discuss, consider, and select administration/project delivery service provider(s) to complete project implementation for the 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant funding administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. (RFP Resolution)**
Alderman Dee Roden made motion to award the RFP to Grant Works and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Discuss, consider, and select engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) to complete project implementation for the 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant funding administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. (RFQ Resolution)**
Alderman Terry Cole made motion to award the RFQ to SPI and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Discussion and possible action on the increase in rates from Piney Woods Sanitation and Decide if this rate increase is to be passed through to the customers to go into effect on the January Bill.**
Alderman Terry Cole made motion to accept the increase and pass the increase through to the customers beginning with the January bill and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Discussion and possible action to implement a tiered rate structure for the water and sewer rates to possibly go into effect on the January billing cycle.**
Alderman Terry Cole made motion to hold a special call meeting on November 21st at 5pm to discuss and act upon and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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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 8:01 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.

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary