

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday May 16th, 2023

MINUTES

On this 16th day of May 2023, 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, Alderman Pat Land

Members Absent: none.

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Amanda Allen, Byron Allan, Mike Branch, Pat Land, Carole McCarty, Leslie Lake, Fonteyn Beck

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 Alderman Dee Roden said the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Byron Allan spoke to introduce himself to the council and guest present. Use to live here. He moved off and came back to live and looking to open a business in Winona like a grocery store, washateria, daycare for example. Mike Branch spoke to the council about the incentive that has been terminated between the city and Nolan Farms. He suggested that the council speak with the city attorney and discuss the incentive again at the June meeting. He stated that if the city did not follow this suggestion that he would contact his attorney. Leslie Lake spoke to the council about Nolan Farms incentive agreement (that was terminated) and how long he and his wife have lived in Winona and how they spent all their life savings building Nolan Farms. He feels as though he is being attacked and that the truth of Nolan Farms will be heard here or at a court of law.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. April 18th, 2023, Regular Minutes, April 24th, 2023, Special Call Minutes, and May 11th, 2023 Special Call Minutes.

Alderman Dee Roden made the motion to approve the April 18th regular minutes, April 24th, 2023, and May 11th, 2023, special call meeting minutes and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. April 2023 Financials

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to table April 2023 financial reports and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

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

2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden, nothing new to update, the kids from the high school came down and cleaned up the park, trades days will not be down town any longer, this month it will be at the school, looking into holding a fundraiser for the park in the future to help with funds for upgrades to the park.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

No pending permits. All permits submitted have been uploaded and processed.

b) AOKA working with engineer on school project.

Bond project to be reviewed.

c) N Kay Street was repaved with crushed asphalt.

Frank and Mr. Wilson were emailed to get our allotment from Smith County. Also, Smith County came in and repaved N Kay Street down to Mr. Elliott's drive.

d) Old Hwy 155 cleaned up by school and pulled weeds at the park.

Chick-fil-a in North Tyler/Lindale sponsors the school on this project, they pulled weeds at the park and continued down to Old Hwy 155 and cleaned up sides of the roadway.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Administering the Oath of Office to the new council members.

Statements of Officer and Oath of Office were executed for Patricia Land, Craig Attaway, and Gary Fox for Alderman positions and for Rachel Moreno for Mayor position administered by City Secretary Deana Powell. Old members of council stepped down and the new members took their seats.

2. Discussion and possible action on the designation of an official newspaper.

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to continue to use Tyler Morning Telegraph seconded by Alderman Gary fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Discussion and possible action on the designation of an official bank for the City of Winona

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to stay with 1st National Bank of Hughes Springs and Southside Bank seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Attorney

Alderman Dee Roden made motion to continue to use Blake Armstrong seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Judge

Current Judge is Mitch Shamburger, recommended by Dee Roden to switch to new Judge Curtis Wolfe
Alderman Terry Cole made motion to change to Judge Curtis Wolfe seconded by Alderman Pat Land.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action to continue to use Acker and Co as the City Auditors

Alderman Dee Roden made motion to continue using Acker and Co seconded by Alderman Gary fox.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action on appointing someone to head the Park/City Beautification committee

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to appoint Dee Roden seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action on upgrading the old steel 2" line to a 4" PVC line on Starnes St.

Alderman Dee Roden made motion to approve upgrading the line on Starnes St seconded by Alderman Gary fox.
Four (4) in favor; one (1) opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

9. Discussion on B.U. Tobacco Prevention program Winona Secondary wants to present awareness to the community regarding underage tobacco use. Presenting a survey for city to confirm presentation

Alderman Terry Cole made motion to table due to no show of the school for presentation seconded by Alderman Gary fox.
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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 Dee Roden made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:23 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

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