

**CITY OF WINONA
Community Center
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday July 15th, 2025
5:30 PM**

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a Regular City Council Meeting of the governing body of the City of Winona will be held on this the 15th day of July 2025 at 5:30 p.m., at the Winona Community Center, 520 Dallas Street, Winona, Texas at which time the agenda items below will be discussed and/or acted upon.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

___ Rachel Moreno, Mayor	___ Luis Diaz, Alderman
___ Dee Roden, Mayor Pro Tem	___ Gary Fox, Alderman
___ Terry Cole, Alderman	___ Shanna Clark, Alderman

B. INVOCATION & ACTION ITEM

Pledge of Allegiance and recognize an invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

"Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the open forum section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Criticism of city employees or staff is prohibited. Those wishing to address the Council regarding an item not on the agenda must be a citizen, property owner or business owner of Winona. Comments on such non-agenda items shall be limited to three minutes. The Council will not comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may refer the item to city staff for research, resolution, or referral of the matter to the Council as a future agenda item."

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 21st, 2025, Special Call meeting, May 20th, 2025, Regular, and June 13, 2025 Special Call meeting minutes.

E. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES

1. Utility Department
 - i. Monthly Report
2. Miller Park / City Beautification
3. Mayor Update
 - i. Update on permits submitted for processing.
 - ii. Who would like to attend the TML Conference this year? It will be held in Ft. Worth this year.
 - iii. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training on August 16th and 30th from 9am-5pm at the Winona Community Center, 520 Dallas St, 20hr training program.
 - iv. Park Stuff Added
 - v. Update from the GFOA Conference

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation of TDA Form A1024 CDBG Section 3 Goals and Concepts as related to the CDBG Program and Grant Contract Number CDV23-0264.
2. Discussion and possible action on appointing someone to head the Park/City Beautification committee.
3. Discussion and possible action to accept the SC 911 budget for 2025/2026 as presented.

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4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the new employee contribution rate of 8% through the TMRS system to go into effect as of September 1, 2025, and to update section 5.6 City Retirement Benefit section of the employee handbook according to the decision.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve by ordinance a new rate structure, to be effective immediately, from the town hall meeting presentation by TRWA and their review. To cover item G3 from June meeting agenda.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve a revised pretreatment ordinance for the wastewater treatment service.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve road repairs and bids for Wildcat Dr and Church St.
8. Discussion and possible action to hire Gina Duke full-time beginning August 1st, 2025, rate if pay and with full benefits and give the mayor permission to hire a part-time person for the afternoon shift, rate of pay, with benefit of holiday pay according to the employee handbook.
9. Discussion and possible action to terminate the current legal services agreement with Birdsong and Armstrong, P.C. and to approve the engagement of Messer Fort, PLLC as the City of Winona's legal counsel for general legal representation, effective August 15th, 2025. This transition will include the transfer of all relevant case files, records, and ongoing legal matters to the new firm, subject to applicable confidentiality and client consent requirements.

G. 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 Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consult with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.087 (Economic Development).

1. Section 551.071(2) – the roles and duties of the mayor and the city council
2. Section 551.071(2) – city's responses to requests for access to documents by Councilmembers, including the request submitted by Councilmember Cole
3. Section 551.071(1) – litigation involving Nolan Farms, LLC v. City of Winona, Texas, Cause No. 23-2042-A, 7th District Court of Smith County, Texas
4. Section 551.074 (1) – hiring of personnel Gina Duke and possible part time personnel.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The City of Winona reserves the right to realign the order of the agenda at any time prior to adjournment.

The City of Winona City Hall and Community Center (where meetings are held) are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available in front of both front-facing doors. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's office at (903.877.3381), FAX your request or questions to (903.877.2370), email: citysecretary@winonatexas.com, or call TDD 1-800-RELAY-TX at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Deana Powell, City Secretary, City of Winona, TX

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the July 15th, 2025 notice of meeting of the governing body of the City of Winona is a true and correct copy of said notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board outside at the City Hall of Winona, Texas located at 110 Dallas Street and also on the bulletin board outside at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, TX, both are a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said notice was posted on July 11th, 2025 by 5:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said meeting.

I further certify that the following news media was properly notified of this meeting as stated above and posted to the city's website, www.winonatx.gov.

Tyler Morning Telegraph

Fax (903)596-6287

Deana Powell, City Secretary, City of Winona, TX

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