

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Community Center**  
**520 Dallas St., Winona TX 75792**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 06:00pm**

**MINUTES**

**On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026, the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas Street, Winona, Texas at 06:00pm 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 Dee Roden, Alderman Shanna Clark, Alderman Terry Cole, Alderman Luis Diaz, Alderman Gary Fox

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest Present:** Rusty Smith and Gary Graham

**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 the invocation prayer was given by Mr. Gary Graham.

**C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM**

1. Gary Graham spoke on the proposed special base-rate for tax-exempt accounts. He argued that the category “tax-exempt” may be too vague and that 501(c)(3), 501(c)(8), and 501(c)(10) accounts should be included in this special base rate category. He also suggested that a volume qualifier not be included and that the special base rate be equal to the lowest base rate: residential.
2. Rusty Smith also discussed the special base rate, arguing that a larger meter does not cost the city more to install or maintain. He inquired on the reasoning behind matching sewer usage to water usage, claiming less sewage should be used on average than water. He suggests that a percentage of water usage be used to calculate sewer usage.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Mayor Rachel Moreno moved to have the minutes for January 20, 2026, and March 17, 2026, Regular City Council Meetings approved. Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made a motion to approve said minutes, and Alderman Shanna Clark seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mayor Rachel Moreno moved to have the minutes for February 19, 2026, Special Call Meeting approved. Alderman Terry Cole made a motion to

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approve the order, and it was seconded by Alderman Gary Fox. All in favor;  
none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES**

**1. Utility Department**

- a) **Monthly Report:** Updated by Glenn Trimble. A water accounting issue was discussed in which gallons of water sold is greater than gallons pumped. This issue was mainly associated with a discrepancy between physical meter readings and imported digital readings. There are less than 50 meters to be converted into digital water meters. He discussed pressure issues in which one complaint has already been addressed. Three pressure regulators will need to be installed. He has begun preparing the application for the Alternative Capacity Requirement (ACR) to have the minimum capacity lowered.

**F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Discussion on the rental and usage policies for the City of Winona Community Center, including guidelines for use by elected officials.** A rental application, rules, regulations, and a rental agreement are published on the city website (updated 2019). Any municipal officer or employee may not knowingly spend or authorize the spending of public funds, or make use of a public facility or public employees, for political advertising, according to Texas Election Code § 255.003. It was determined that a city-owned facility may be used by anyone for any purpose, unless explicitly prohibited in the facility's guidelines or terms of use, as long as city funds or employees are not involved in the usage of said facility.
2. **Discussion and possible action to approve a special base rate for water and sewer services for 501(c)(3), 501(c)(8), and 501(c)(10) accounts.** Alderman Luis Diaz made a motion to lower the water base rate for 501(c)(3), 501(c)(8), and 501(c)(10) accounts to \$40/mo., and Alderman Terry Cole seconded. Three (3) in favor; one (1) opposed; one (1) abstained. Motion carried majority vote. Alderman Luis Diaz made a motion to lower the sewer base rate for 501(c)(3), 501(c)(8), and 501(c)(10) accounts to \$40/mo., and Alderman Gary Fox seconded. Three (3) in favor; two (2) opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

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**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 06:57 pm, and Alderman Gary Fox seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Rachel Moreno, Mayor

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Craig Mccollum Maintenance Supervisor