

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
Community Center
520 Dallas St., Winona TX 75792
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 06:00pm

MINUTES

On this 16th day of June, 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 Gary Fox, Alderman Luis Diaz, Alderman Terry Cole, and Alderman Karen Hysell

Members Absent: Alderman Headlee Daniels

Guest Present: Utility Supervisor Craig McCollum and City Attorney Judy El Masri (virtual)

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 Dee Roden.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No speakers were present during visitors open forum.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Mayor Rachel Moreno moved to have the minutes for the May 19, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting approved. Alderman Karen Hysell made a motion to approve said minutes, and Mayor Pro Tem Gary Fox seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES

1. Utility Department

- a) **Monthly Report:** Updated by Craig McCollum. The city has been searching for a gas leak. A leak specialist was called in who has a device that can detect gas leaks from approximately 20-30 feet away from the source. The gas lines were traced by foot or vehicles when possible. Alderman Karen Hysell asked about gas odorization. Craig McCollum stated that Atmos odorizes its own gas, while the city odorizes gas from other sources. The water reports for April and May were discussed. In April, 2,106,000 gallons of water were pumped while 1,980,900 gallons were sold, creating a 4.3% unaccounted loss. For May, 1,719,000 gallons of water were pumped while 1,671,000 gallons were sold, coming to an unaccounted loss of 1.6%.

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These unaccounted losses are much lower than previously recorded (~20-30%). Mayor Moreno stated that there are about 30 water meters left to be changed to digital meters. The increase in digital meters has greatly aided in water accounting. The roads around town have been getting worked on. At the time of the meeting, Starnes St was complete, and Dale St was to be worked on next.

2. Mayor Updates

A firework permit was issued to the Chamber of Commerce for the 4th of July show. The farmer's market is set to occur on Saturday, June 20th on Church St. The ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the park renovations is set to take place the following Saturday, June 27th. Alderman Terry Cole asked about the status of the pickleball net for the court, and Alderman Karen Hysell asked about raising and lowering the basketball nets for kids of all ages to play. Mayor Moreno stated that the equipment is available upon request and was only removed due to possible vandalization.

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion and possible action to remove Dee Roden and add Mayor Pro Tem Gary Fox as signer to all bank accounts.** Alderman Karen Hysell made a motion to remove Dee Roden and add Mayor Pro Tem Gary Fox as signer to all bank accounts, and Alderman Terry Cole seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Discussion and possible action to approve a social media policy.** Alderman Terry Cole made a motion to table this item since not all councilmembers were present. This motion died since there was no second, therefore the agenda item was reopened for discussion. Alderman Karen Hysell asked what brought this item before the council. Attorney Judy El Mari explained that the policy was drafted to reflect similar social media policies for other Type A general law municipalities. Mayor Moreno stated that several townspeople had requested a policy be presented to the council. Alderman Karen Hysell explained that the councilmembers had essentially already agreed and committed to follow similar terms as the social media policy upon starting their term, so there was no reason to not approve it. Alderman Terry Cole made a motion to table this item, and Alderman Luis Diaz seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Gary Fox made a motion to approve the social media policy, and Alderman Karen Hysell seconded. Two (Alderman Karen Hysell and Mayor Pro Tem Gary Fox) in favor; two (Alderman Terry Cole and Alderman Luis Diaz) opposed. Due to a tie,

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Mayor Moreno made the tiebreaking vote, voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried majority vote.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Fox made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 06:25 pm, and Alderman Karen Hysell seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Jake Allen, City Secretary