

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday June 05<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**On this 05<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018 the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:30 pm in regular session. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:**

**Members Present:** Mayor Pat Schlau, Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Alderman Dee Roden,

**Members Absent:** Alderman Candy Folley

**Guest Present:** Ronnie Pilcher, Mike Sebring, Cindy Bobbitt, Mike Rael, Karen Hysell

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**B. INVOCATION**

At this time Mayor Pat Schlau asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM**

No one spoke at this time.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Alderman Dede Stroud to approve May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular meeting minutes and Public Hearing minutes and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.  
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. FINANCIALS**

**1. Discussion and possible action for approval of City of Winona amended financials for 2016/2017 FY.**

Discussion was postponed until June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow more review time for council members.

**2. Discussion and possible action to approve amended financials from October 2017 to February 2018 to reflect current operating budget.**

Discussion was postponed until June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow more review time for council members.

**3. Preparation, discussion, and possible action for future workshop for property taxes and budget 2018/2019.**

Discussed by Mayor with Council and proposed to look into having a workshop in July.

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**4. Approval for March 2018 financials.**

Discussion was postponed until June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow more review time for council members.

**F. FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

**1. Discussion and possible action for Miller Park. (Dede Stroud)**

Updated council on discussions with other park departments and about possible grants available to help purchase park equipment. Will advise the Council and community when swings arrive and when the volunteer work day will be to erect the swing set at the park.

**2. Discussion and possible action on the sewer pond evaluation of past, present, and future repairs or upgrades, services to customers, cost, and anything else related to the sewer department for a full discussion. (Possible executive session)**

Pending updates from outside sources.

**3. Discussion and possible action on gas services, repairs, upgrades, General Land Office, and anything else gas related for a full discussion. (Possible executive session)**

Pending updates from outside sources.

**G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Discussion and possible action on presentation of Council binders with discussion of contents.**

Mayor had a brief discussion over the contents of the New Council binders presented to them.

**2. Discussion and possible action on appointing a financial officer for the City of Winona.**

Motion was made to keep Mayor Pat Schlau as the financial officer for the City of Winona by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action to have previous Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones removed from the signature cards and adding current Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land to the signature cards at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Hughes Springs.**

Motion was made to remove previous Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones from the signature cards and add current Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land to the signature cards for the City accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Hughes Springs by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discussion and possible action on moving the regular City Council meetings back to once a month with the exceptions of Public Hearings and Special Call meetings when necessary.**

Motion was made to go back to one meeting a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday beginning in July by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**5. Discussion and possible action on emergency management program for the City of Winona.**

Motion was made to allow Mayor Pat Schlau to move forward with contacting local leadership and the community in regards to an emergency management program by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion and possible action on approving the Oncore Electric Delivery Easement and Right of Way contract.**

Motion was made to approve the contract by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. MAYOR UPDATES:**

**1. 2020 Census: Counting for Dollars**

Mayor Pat Schlau spoke to the council about the upcoming 2020 census and asked for assistance in encouraging the community to participate. Mayor Pat Schalu spoke of the importance of the census to the City in regards to future grants or any other type of financial assistance to the City.

**Mayor closed regular session at 6:55pm and convened into executive session at 6:59pm.**

**Executive session closed at 7:37pm and Mayor reconvened into regular session at 7:38pm.**

**I. FOLLOW UP ITEMS:**

**1. Update, discussion, and possible action for employee Robert Tapley and his employment with the City of Winona. (Executive Session)**

Motion was made to authorize Mayor Pat Schlau to proceed with terminating Robert Tapley's employment effective immediately by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**J. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Review, discussion and possible action to re-activate the City of Winona's police department to have a Police Chief for the City of Winona. (John Smith)**

Motion was made to authorize our Mayor, City staff, and City Attorney to investigate the possibility of re-starting our Police Department and hiring a Chief of Police by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**2. Discussion and possible action to reverse Ordinance 120 active as written originally.**

Motion was made to leave Ordinance 120 as is in the books by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion for review of utility employee certificates, coverage area, equipment, and salary.**

Mayor Pat Schlau and Utility Supervisor Ronnie Hays spoke on the 28 mile service area covering Gas and Water / Sewer utilities, the certifications each utility employee holds at this time.

**4. Review, discussion, and possible action for past and future view ideas for the City of Winona community, involving all departments for improvement's, growth, upgrades, trucks and equipment, and more.**

Discussed City owned trucks age, mileage, along with other areas of improvement's as streets, waterlines, etc.

**K. 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 discussion only and any decisions made during this discussion will be mentioned and voted upon once reconvened into regular session.*

**1. Update, discussion, and possible action for employee Robert Tapley and his employment with the City of Winona.**

Discussed at length and action (if any) was taken once back in regular session.

**2. Discussion and possible action to re-activate the city of Winona's Police Department to have a Police Chief for the City of Winona. (John Smith)**

Discussed at length and action (if any) was taken once back in regular session.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Dede Stroud made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:41 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Pat Schlau, Mayor

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Deana Powell, City Secretary