

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday December 18th, 2018

MINUTES

On this 18th day of December, 2018 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 Pat Schlau, Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Candy Folley

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Ronnie Pilcher, Karen Terrell, Mary Bonfanti

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. November 20th, 2018 Regular Minutes.

Motion was made by Alderman Candy Folley to approve the November 20th, 2018 Regular minutes and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed; Motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of October and November 2018 financials

Motion was made to approve the October and November financials by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to open an account with 1st National Bank Hughes Springs for the customer utility deposits by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 financial reviews from Acker and Company.

Motion was made to approve the financial reviews done by Acker and Company for 2014, 2015, and 2016 by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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E. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

No discussion

2. Park

No updates at this time

3. Court

Still reaching out to Larry Smith on the Interlocal Agreement

F. CURRENT ACTIVE PROJECTS:

1. Evaluation and discussion on utility wide rates for all departments of gas, water, and sewer utilities.

Discussed and will update more in January meeting.

2. Discussion and possible action on the Sewer Pond evaluation of past, present, and future repairs of upgrades, and anything else related to the sewer department for a full discussion.

Mayor updated council on the progress of this discussion. Will continue to discuss until a decision is reached.

3. Discussion and possible action on gas service, repairs, upgrades, GLO, ATMOS, and anything else gas related for a full discussion.

Updated on Atmos progress and repair progress per Rail Road Commission report by Mayor Pat Schlau.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action for employees Ronnie Hays, Carl “Bo” Ingerson, Carl Jones, Chad Hankins, Deana Powell, and Mayor Pat Schlau for usage of community center when vacant and organizations within the community. All employee department clarification on reimbursements for personal phone expense, use of personal vehicle for City business, travel, hotel, extra trips, mileage, local gas expenses, safety meetings, hospitality guest, and business trips for City benefits including City Council member trips for TML classes and meetings, and any other modern expenses for updating and discussion.

Motion was made to allow employees to use the community center for safety meetings made by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to continue to allow the Winona Municipal Baseball Association and the Chamber of Commerce the use of the Community Center for meetings at no charge by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made to pay \$25 per month up to January 1st, 2019 then make effective that City employee's and Mayor to be compensated \$30 per month for phone expense who use personal phone for City business by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to purchase a cell phone through the City mobile phone account for the City Secretary by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel expense and use of personal vehicle for city business is paid back through mileage at mandated state rate.

Motion was made to allow one (1) paid training session per year that would be beneficial to the City and to also include mileage, food for Council member only, and lodging if necessary by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

4 in favor; 1 absent; none opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

Will create a school expense 6156 - for Council School and update current school expense 6155 - to employee school expense.

Mayor trips out of town are covered under previous discussion.

Motion was made to increase the Mayor expense from \$200 per month to \$250 per month by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis Land.

4 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion carried majority vote.

Motion was made to bring back before the council possible reimbursement of expenses to John Smith for his trip to Austin contingent on if he passes and becomes certified to be the Chief of Police for the City of Winona by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to give each City employee the \$200 budgeted for incentive pay by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Discussion and possible action concerning our three (3) City trucks and back hoe's future.

Discussion was tabled until January meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action on Mayor's general re-cap of most projects for all departments from past, current, and moving into the New Year 2019.

Discussed at this time and no action necessary.

H. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Guest spoke at this time.

I. 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.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Candy Folley made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:02 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Pat Schlau, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary