

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday May 19th, 2020

MINUTES

On this 19th day of May 2020 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 Curtis Land, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Terry Cole, Alderman Karen Hysell, Alderman Gary Fox, Attorney Blake Armstrong

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Ashley Randall, Ronnie Pilcher, Sue West, Denny Wheeler (Piney Woods), Les Lake

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 Curtis Land asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Ronnie Pilcher and Sue West spoke, and Mayor Curtis Land made a proclamation of May to be Motorcycle Awareness Month.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**1. March 17th, Regular Minutes and March 24th, 2020 Emergency Meeting
Coronavirus/Covid-19 Management.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden to approve the March 17th and March 24th meetings and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of March 2020 Financials

Motion was made by Alderman Terry Cole to approve the March 2020 financials and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

Craig McCollum gave update on April and May maintenance.

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2. Park

Mayor Curtis Land gave update that insulation was put in ceiling of community center, repairs to the drain gutters, and he is having a carport added to the community center.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Changing domain name to website from .com to .gov

Mayor Curtis Land has filed paperwork to convert to .gov

b) Replacing flood light at Well #5

Mayor Curtis Land updated council on the repair of the flood light at Well #5 made to bring up to compliance with TCEQ.

c) Update from Linebarger, Goggins, Blair and Sampson with report of property taxes paid to date; is left to be paid; and delinquent properties.

Mayor Curtis Land provided the council with paperwork regarding this marked #iii.

d) Transportation contract agreement between City of Winona and UT Health Science Center.

Mayor Curtis Land updated the council on the status of the contract between the city and the hospital on the transportation cost.

e) Update agreement with Skynet.

Mayor Curtis Land updated the Council of the updated contract with the City of Winona and Skynet who has an internet tower on top of our water tower. The city is receiving free internet at the Maintenance Barn and the Community Center.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Administering the Oath of Office to the new Council Members.

This Discussion was tabled until Next week Tuesday May 26th at 6:30 p.m.

2. Discussion and possible action on appointing Mayor Pro-Tem.

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3. Discussion and possible action on the designation of an official Newspaper.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to continue using Tyler Morning Telegraph and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on the designation of an official bank for the City of Winona.

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to keep 1st National bank of Hushes Springs and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Attorney.

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to continue using Blake Armstrong and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Judge.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to continue using Judge Mitch Shamburger and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action to continue the use of Acker and Co as the City Auditors.

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to using Acker and Co for the cities auditing needs and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action on appointing someone to head the Park/City Beautification committee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden volunteered. Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to appoint Dee Roden as the head of the committee and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve on interlocal cooperation city-county plat approval agreement.

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve an economic incentive agreement between Nolan Farms and the City of Winona.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to table until next week Tuesday May 26th at 6:30 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

3 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstained. Motion carried majority vote.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance #200; Establishing a comprehensive economic development policy and program for economic development activities for the city as authorized by section 380.001 Texas Local Gov Code for severability; repealer; and an effective date.

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to approve Ordinance 200 upon the verification of ordinance number and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

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12. Discussion and possible action on Ashley Randall's 90-day probation period with the City of Winona as Court/Utility Clerk.

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to remove her from probation and allow the addition of benefits provided by the City and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible action to continue using current sanitation service Republic or switch over to Piney Wood Sanitation.

Presentation by Piney Woods Denny Wheeler and discussed at length among the Council. This will be a 5-year contract with Piney Woods.
Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to go with Piney Woods as our trash service and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.
4 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion carried majority vote

14. Discussion and possible action on the management contract for the water and/or wastewater system between the City of Winona and East Texas Municipal Utility District.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to table this discussion until future time when more information is available and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discussion and possible action on due dates for utility bills and updating City Ordinance #119-Modified to reflect possible changes.

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to approve ordinance, number to be determined upon further verification, and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously

16. Discussion and possible action on the logo contest.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to reject the entry and seconded by Alderman Terry Cole.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously

H. 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.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:31 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Curtis Land, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary