

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday October 20th, 2020

MINUTES

On this 20th day of October 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 Terry Cole, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Karen Hysell, Alderman Gary Fox

Members Absent: Alderman Craig Attaway

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Les Lake, Ronnie Pilcher, Rachel Moreno, Gustano Cruz, Michael Sebring, Joe Martel

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

Guest Ronnie Pilcher and Joe Martel spoke at this time

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 15th Regular; September 29th and October 8th Special Call minutes

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the September 15th Regular; September 29th and October 8th Special Call minutes and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

Approval of Financials; No financials to approve at this meeting. Will be available for approval at the November Meeting.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

Craig McCollum gave update on maintenance. Questions asked and answered.

2. Park

Alderman Dee Roden updated Council on progress of park. Library is ready to be put in place, Craig is going to cut down the smaller trees in the park.

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3. Mayor Updates

a) Well #5 and Well #4

#4 down for maintenance and repairs; #5 on 10/13 starter kept tripping causing the power supply to go down and put the well out of commission. The utility workers along with our water consultant worked to get this back up and running the same day. There was a boil water notice put out that only lasted 24hrs.

b) Trash on Old Hwy 155

On 10/19 trash was removed from Old Hwy 155 and property owners have been contacted or attempted to contact to clean up the trash being dumped in this area. Bring back up at the November meeting to bring up ideas to help remedy this issue.

c) Fire Hydrants around town

The Sabine River Authority approved us for a grant that was submitted for in the amount of \$20,000 to go towards new and repairing fire hydrants around town and repairs needed on the water system. These funds should be available to us sometime between November and December this year.

d) Railroad Commission Inspection

There were two inspections by the Railroad Commission this month, one for the new construction at Nolan Farms and one was a comprehension inspection. We had zero violations on the new construction inspection and only one violation that was remedied before they were finished with the comprehension inspection. The city was not issued any fines.

e) TCEQ Fine

First payment has been made and the balance update is \$78,992.00.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Update and discussion on agreement between East Texas MUD and the City of Winona

Mayor updated the council on the conversation he had with Lane with East Texas MUD and we are still waiting for a response from them. Council requesting to look into having another meeting with them to see where we are at this time.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the building permit of a shop/barn located at 13284 FM 16E

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve permit and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to add a new building permit rate for non-residential buildings

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to Table this topic to another meeting and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Discussion and possible action of possibly adjusting the tapping rate for the lots within Nolan Farms

Motion was made by Alderman Karen Hysell to approve decreasing the tapping fee by half for the new construction in Nolan Farms and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
3 in favor; none opposed; 1 abstained. Motion carried majority vote.

5. Discussion on possibly adding monthly reporting to city council on monthly reports due to the state. (Karen)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the monthly report to the council and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action to possibly purchase signs for the utility department for a boil water notice. (Terry Cole)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the purchase of boil water signs and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding rate changes with SWEPCO

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the second option to deny the rate increase and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in favor; none opposed. Motions 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.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:36 pm.
Seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
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