

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday September 15th, 2020

MINUTES

On this 15th day of September 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, Alderman Craig Attaway, Attorney Blake Armstrong

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Ronnie Pilcher

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

No speakers at this meeting.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council August 18th, 2020 minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Craig Attaway to approve the August 18th, 3030 minutes and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of August 2020 Financials

Motion was made by Alderman Karen Hysell to approve the August 2020 financials and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

Mayor Curtis Land gave update on maintenance.

2. Park

Alderman Dee Roden updated Council on progress of park. She spoke with the plant farm about getting plants for the park. They will give the city a discount when ready to buy.

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G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion and possible action to approve payment of Invoice from East Texas MUD for half of attorney fees acquired on behalf of the tie-in between them and the City of Winona.**

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to approve payment of \$7465.94 to East Texas MUD and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Discussion and possible action to approve payment plan for paying fine to TCEQ.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve payment plan set up by TCEQ and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Discussion and possible action to add a free library center at Miller Park.**

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to approve the addition of a free library center at Miller Park and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Discussion and possible action to approve doing fundraisers, (i.e. tee shirt sales, farmers market/craft fair, etc.) for Miller Park upkeep and upgrades.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole made the motion to table this discussion until further notice and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Discussion and possible action to change the rate structure and increase rates for the Community Center rentals.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve beginning October 1st, 2020 the rate structure will be \$50 for a 4hr rental and \$75 for an all-day rental for City residents and \$75 for a 4hr rental and \$125 for an all-day rental for Non-City residents and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Smith County 911 budget for the 2020/2021 year**

Motion was made to approve the Smith County Budget as presented by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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7. Discussion and possible action to approve setting up the ability to add Munibilling as a source of payment possibility for customers to pay their utility bills.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to decline this option and seconded by Alderman Karen Hysell.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action on the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget. (Ordinance number to follow last ordinance used.)

Motion was made by Alderman Karen Hysell to approve the City's budget as presented and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motions carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action to set a proposed tax rate for the 2021 taxing year. (Ordinance number to follow last ordinance used.)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to set the tax rate at 0.45000 and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

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.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:59 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