

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Special Call City Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday March 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**On this 02<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021, the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas at 6:30 pm in a Special Call 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 Craig Attaway, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Karen Hysell

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest Present:** Michael Sebring, Craig McCollum, Joe Martel, Stacy Schaff, 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 guest spoke at this time.

**D. MONTHLY REPOSRTS OR UPDATES:**

**1. Utility Department**

Updated by Craig McCollum of how the system handled the winter storm and rain/lightning storm the following week of the snowstorm. There were several leaks on the system that we had to call out for assistance to get repaired and a few that we are still working towards getting repaired. Craig McCollum was the main worker handling all calls and emergencies during the week of the snowstorm, Carl "Bo" Ingerson came in two or three of those days, and Carl Jones was unable to come in at all this week. The City did not have to issue a boil water notice, did not lose electricity, nor did we lose any pressure in our systems during the storm. The water tower was struck by lightning the week following the snowstorm and is needing to have some of the wiring replaced and a new breaker installed. We are waiting on the electrician to make these repairs. Once we receive the invoices for the cost of all these repairs, we may possibly file a claim on our insurance to assist in paying for them.

**E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action on bids received to clean-up trees on Old Hwy 155.**

Mayor updated the Council on this matter and Joe Martel asked questions in this regard. Mayor stated that we are looking at possibly getting this completed by Springtime or earlier depending upon the cost of the repairs to the City's water system due to the recent storms.

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**2. Discussion and possible action on the proposed Operations and Maintenance Agreement with East Texas Municipal Utility District and action as desired. (executive session)**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to not agree upon or enter into the Operations and Maintenance Agreement with East Texas Municipal Utility District and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action to hire a part time employee with no benefits for the utility department. (executive session)**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve hiring the candidate that has applied to this position after checking on his references at \$8.50 per hour not to exceed 30 hours a week and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Certification by the City Secretary of unopposed candidates.**

City Secretary Deana Powell certifies that there were no other candidates to oppose the candidates running for the three Alderman positions for the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 election date.

The unopposed candidates are as follows:

Alderman Terry Cole

Alderman Craig Attaway and

Rachael Moreno

With no opposing candidates running against them they will be sworn into office at the May meeting and take their seats at that time.

**5. Discussion and possible action to accept the City Secretary's certification of unopposed candidates and adopt the order of cancellation.**

Motion was made by Alderman Karen Hysell to accept the City Secretary's certification of unopposed candidates and adopt the order of cancellation as presented and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion and possible action to approve bid for repairs to water system on Church St from Dale to ally way.**

The bids that came in for the 860ft of repairs are as follows:

Bid #1: 18,820.00, Bid #2: 27,800 and we have the pipe already in stock at the shop.

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to approve the first bid and move forward with this repair on Church St and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**7. Discussion and possible action to extend the City's gas lines down FM 16 E.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the extension of the gas lines and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. 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. The council will convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 to receive legal aspects of proposed Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the East Texas Municipal Utility District and pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 regarding possible hiring of a part time employee for the utility department.**

Time regular session closed 6:51pm and opened into executive session at 6:52pm. Closed executive session at 7:23pm and reopened regular session at 7:24pm.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:41 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Curtis Land, Mayor

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Deana Powell, City Secretary