

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Special Call Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, 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 Rachel Moreno, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Laney Barnes

**Members Absent:** Alderman Pat Land

**Guest Present:** Shane Barnes, Ronnie Pilcher, Sabrina Rodgers, Craig McCollum, John Latham

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call. Public notice of this meeting has been given and a quorum is present.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

At this time Mayor Rachel Moreno asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and John Latham gave the invocation prayer.

**C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM**

John Latham spoke to the council about the non-profit he has started to assist the youth within the community in need of being able to participate in sports if they choose to without having to worry about the cost of participating. Also, starting a volunteer program called C.R.E.W helping the elderly and/or disabled with projects and/or a helping hand around the home inside or outside. Looking into doing some fundraisers to help fund the materials needed for some of these projects.

**D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt the new Hazzard Mitigation Plan written by Brandon Moore with Smith County ESD.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve and adopt the Hazzard Mitigation Plan as written and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Discussion and possible action to call the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Election for the City of Winona.**

Alderman Laney Barnes made the motion to call the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, election and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action to update Ordinance 119 or adopt by new ordinance or resolution to pass-through expenses to the customer for fees incurred by the city to bring the system back into operation and/or compliance.**

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to update Ordinance 119 to be able to pass-through expenses to the customer for fees incurred by the city and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**4. Discussion and possible action to give the mayor permission to purchase timer lab tester for testing city manholes.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to give the mayor permission to purchase the timer lab tester and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and increase the base rates for the natural gas system.**

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to increase the inside city limits base rate from \$16.50 to \$19.00, to increase the outside city limits base rate from \$17.50 to \$23.00, to increase the commercial base rate from \$26.50 to \$40.50, and to increase the Industrial base rate from \$40.50 to \$100.00 effective 30 days from today and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. 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 a session.*

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Laney Barnes made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:17 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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Rachel Moreno, Mayor

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Deana Powell, City Secretary