

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

MINUTES

On this 20th day of February 2024, 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 Rachel Moreno, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Laney Barnes, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Pat Land

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Fonteyn Beck, David Beck, Cindy Martin, Michael Sebring, Shanna Clark, Baylen Lee, Shane Barnes, Konnie Brand, Martin Brand, Karen Hargrove, Ray McFarland, Craig McCollum

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 visitor David Beck gave the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Braylen Lee spoke at this time. He is trying to do some things with the youth sports association and has volunteered to be the grounds keeper of the park. He heard that at one point the city had offered to help and or take over maintenance of the fields, cutting and weed eating, and was going to ask for or see if the offer was still good or if there was any way that we could consider it.

Pat Land spoke at this time to let everyone know that she will be moving to Benbrook in two weeks. It was a hard decision to make but she feels good about it, and she needs a change. Every place she looks has Curtis in it. Charles is wonderful but this was her decision, and she will be moving either on the 5th or the 6th of March. She appreciates all the love and consideration of her and for Curtis when he was alive, and it will always be home. Her grandson Jacob will be living in the house for awhile and we'll see how that goes. She appreciates everybody.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes will be on the next regular meeting for approval.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Update of Financials

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden asked questions for clarification on double entries and City Secretary Deana Powell answered they are entered that way for classification purposes.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report: Craig McCollum gave an update on the utility department.

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2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden. No new updates, waiting until spring. Also, waiting on bids for pavilion, Shanna Clark came up and helped de-weed the flowerbeds.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

The only permits have been for solar, Pecan Grove, and generators.

b) Update on property purchased.

Mayor was able to close on the property and the city is now the owner of the parcel of land at the corner of Dallas St and Jane Lane.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve adding a basketball court to the park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to table until next meeting and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to give the mayor permission to sign to deed a section of land back to property owner at 115 S Kay St, Winona, TX 75792.

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to table until we have surveyors report back and seconded by Alderman Pat Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 30 (Utilities), Section 30-29.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 30 (Utilities), Section 30-29 and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a manufactured home project at 620 Dallas St Winona, TX 75792.

Karen Hargrove spoke to the council at this time about her concerns regarding this project. Concerns with the increased traffic, safety, safety for any kids, pollution, the ability for the water/sewer/electricity would be able to handle the added homes.

Martin Brand spoke about his concerns about this project possible threatening peace as well as safety, feels that it is an ordinance violation, worried about increased traffic and altering character of our community. His letter is on file with the city secretary.

David Beck spoke that the city his concerns with this project and the distance to surrounding homes. The concern of safety with the increased houses coming in, the added noise pollution, the ordinance violation, hand out from Mr. Beck on file with the city secretary.

Alderman Pat Land made the motion to approve the 620 Dallas St project with the following regulation from TXDOT and pulling permit from them to access to the property, speak with SWEPCO about the electricity capability to handle the project, pull permit with the city and submit project plans to be submitted to AOKA for building code regulation and city regulation are followed and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

Three (3) in favor; none opposed, two (2) abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

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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 a closed session.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Pat land made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:23 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.

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary