

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

MINUTES

On this 19th day of March 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, Attorney Blake Armstrong

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Shanna Clark, Shane Barnes, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden gave the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No speaker at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of January 04, 2024, Special Call, January 30th, 2024, Special Call, February 20th, 2024, Regular Meeting, and February 26th, 2024, Special Call Meeting minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve with corrections made to 2/20/24 meeting minutes Section F. 2. Park/ City Beautification and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. FINANCIALS:

1. Update of Financials

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden asked questions and City Secretary Deana Powell answered.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report: Craig McCollum gave an update on the utility department and report from Glenn Trimble. We have gotten bids for the pavilion for the park with the best bid being \$8307.00 including labor, material, and cover for well 5. The pavilion currently will not have electricity but maybe in the future. Started repairs on the gas line this week, \$27,900 for 1025 ft plus fix two more leaks at \$270 per hour.

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2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden. Baby swing to be ordered that was paid for through donations from the Women of Winona group.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

No permits have need applied for nor approved.

b) Update on Lawsuit.

Attorney Blake Armstong explained to the council that the law firm originally hired discovered a conflict of interest in this case. We have found a new law firm, Jackie Carr with Wilson Firm in Tyler, who will be reaching out to the mayor to set up a meeting.

After that we will receive a letter of intent to work with the new firm on the lawsuit.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

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

Alderman Laney Barnes made the motion to accept the certification of unopposed candidates and adopt the order of cancellation and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to join Tyler Economic Development Council (TEDC).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to join TEDC at the \$5000 per year tier and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to do a new rate increase for industrial park and projects on gas system that need gas line extension or upgrades.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve a new rate structure of \$11.00 + cost for the industrial park and new gas projects connecting to the system that need gas line extensions or upgrades to the lines and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

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 a closed session.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Laney Barnes made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:10 pm.

Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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