

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday, July 16th, 2024

MINUTES

On this 16th day of July 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Shanna Clark, Alderman Laney Barnes

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Katecey Harrell w/Tyler Morning Telegraph, Craig McCollum, Sabrina Rodgers, Ronnie Marsh, Aaron Wilson, Ronnie Pilcher, Shawn Pilcher, Damenion Miller

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 guest Aaron Wilson gave the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Aaron Wilson spoke at this time about the pre-treatment ordinance to be discussed later in this meeting. Mr. Wilson is a board member for the Winona ISD. He does not agree that this is fair, the school is the largest industrial customer within the city.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of June 18th, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to accept the June 18th regular meeting minutes as written and seconded by Alderman Shanna Clark.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. FINANCIALS:

1. Update of Financials

Financials updated. No questions asked at this meeting.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report: Updated by Craig McCollum, fixed 3 water leaks, patched road around the school, replaced part of water pipe on McClung. The Gas extension is looking to start next week. We hired a new guy, and he is working out good so far.

2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden the crape myrtles are looking really good, talked to the guy from Canton about a wrap, looking into getting sign still.

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3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

2 permits submitted. Both have started work.

b) Storm Updates

Generators installed, debris cleaned up, well back up and running.

c) TML Conference in October

Conference will be held in Houston on October 9-11th. Dee would love to go, and Shanna would like to go.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to adopt by Ordinance a pre-treatment requirement for industrial/commercial customers.

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to have Blake draft the ordinance based on our current permit and bring back to council for approval and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to get bids and plans drawn up for a new city hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to start looking at bids for the new city hall and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action for a proposed 2024 tax rate.

Alderman Laney Barnes made the motion to propose to keep the same rate as 2023 and seconded by Alderman Shanna Clark. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2024/2025 Smith County 911 Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve the SC911 Budget and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion update on bank account for the funds not covered by the FDIC. (Gary Fox)

Information was given by Alderman Gary Fox. Current rates are around 1.3-1.6% right now. Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden will check with her bank on their rates.

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.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:08 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

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