

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 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

**Members Absent:** Alderman Laney Barnes

**Guest Present:** Craig McCollum, Sabrina Rodgers

**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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden gave the invocation prayer.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Winona will be conducting a public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate of 0.396359, this is the No New Revenue rate for 2024.

The mayor opened the public hearing at 6:30pm and closed public hearing at 6:32pm. No visitors attended the public hearing. The mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:32pm for further city business.

**D. VISITORS OPEN FORUM**

No one spoke at this time.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting minutes.**

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to accept the August 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as written and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. FINANCIALS:**

**1. Update of August 2024 Financials**

Financials updated.

**G. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:**

**1. Utility Department**

**a) Monthly report:** Updated by Craig McCollum. Water loss came down last month, did not install any new meters this month but will next month. We have upgraded electrical at the shop, painted fire hydrants around town and replaced one on Wildcat Dr, the new Scada system has been installed and will be finished tomorrow. Picknick tables have arrived and been set up under the pavilion.

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**2. Park/City Beautification**

Updated by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden. Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden would like to thank Alderman Shanna Clark for coming down and helping with weeding the flower beds, got the new blinds installed at the community center, complete cost for blinds was \$2175.46.

**3. Mayor Updates**

**a) Update on permits submitted for processing.**

Updated by Mayor Rachel Moreno. There were 2 permits issued for building since last meeting.

**H. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action to approve by Ordinance the tax rate for the 2024 tax year.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve the proposed tax rate to be 0.396359 and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Discussion and possible action to approve by Ordinance the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget.**

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to table this item and schedule a meeting for Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm at the community center and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Discussion and possible action to approve by Ordinance for the commercial/industrial customer pretreatment before discharging into the city sewer system.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve Ordinance 228 for regulations for the pre-treatment and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discussion and possible action to approve reappointing Gene Cottle or nominate a new appointee for the SC911 board of managers.**

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to reappoint Gene Cottle seconded by Alderman Shanna Clark.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Discussion and possible action of the duties and evaluations with possible pay increase for the following employee: Freddie Johnson Utility Department. (Possible Executive Session)**

Alderman Gary Fox made the motion to move Freddie Johnson to full time with benefits and set pay increase at the Thursday budget workshop and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**6. Discussion and possible action to approve the funding for current legal/business matters proceeding forward. (Possible Executive Session)**

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to approve funding \$40,000-\$100,000 for legal matters and approve the hiring the Chapman Firm out of Austin, TX and contact the Wilson Firm to let them know that we will be going in a different direction and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. 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.*

**Closed regular session at: \_7:17pm\_ Opened executive session per Texas Government code 551.071, consult with attorney at:\_7:17pm\_**

**Closed executive session at: \_7:36pm\_ Opened regular session at: \_7:36pm\_**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Shanna Clark made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:39 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.

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Rachel Moreno, Mayor

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Deana Powell, City Secretary