

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday, December 17th, 2024

MINUTES

On this 17th day of December 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: None

Guest Present: 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden gave the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No one spoke during this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of September 17th meeting minutes and October 15th Canceled meeting minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as written and seconded by Alderman Shanna Clark.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. FINANCIALS:

1. Update of November Financials

Financials updated, no questions asked.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report: Updated by Craig McCollum and Glenn Trimble. Loss and unaccounted for was 2.3% for November, we expect it to come in around 16-20% for December to arrive at an average in the 8-12% range. Conducted routine samples and testing.

2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden. Finally got the decorations up, had 10 metal Christmas trees built to put up on the telephone poles around town, and discuss enlarging the play area.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

Updated by Mayor Rachel Moreno. Permitted phase 2 roads and has been approved.

b) Legal updates

Had deposition last week, went well; also had bench trial regarding Tyler St.

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G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to restructure the tapping fees and to include line extension cost for all utilities.

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to table this discussion and seconded by Alderman Shanna Clark.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the interlocal agreement between Smith County, Winona ISD, and the City of Winona to allow Smith County to conduct the May 2025 election on our behalf.

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Smith County and Winona ISD and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the new contract between the City of Winona and Live Oak Environmental.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to accept and renew the contract and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

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.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Shanna Clark made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:25 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