

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
Winona Community Center
520 Dallas Street
Winona, Texas 75792
Tuesday, August 15, 2017
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

On this 15th day of August, 2017 the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas St, Winona, Texas in regular session. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:

Members Present: Mayor Pat Schlau, Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones, Alderman DeDe Stroud, Alderman Candy Folley, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge

Members Absent: Alderman Ray McFarland

Guest Present: Constable Josh, Ronnie Pilcher, Michael Sebring, Sheila Slagle, Nelson Brumley, Glenda Brumley, PT Brumley

A. CALL TO ORDER

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call. Certification to the City of Winona City Council that the provisions of Article 6252-17 Vernon's Civil Statutes amended by the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, have been complied with in connection with public notice of this meeting and a quorum is present.

B. INVOCATION

At this time Mayor Pat Schlau asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Constable Josh, Ronnie Pilcher, and Glenda Brumley spoke to the audience and council members at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council member's present read minutes that were provided from previous Regular City Council Meeting, July 18th, 2017. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

Council reviewed the General Ledger. Currently there are no financials to approve until after previous financials that are being prepared are complete. Questions regarding the GL were asked at this time.

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion and Possible Action on quotes for backhoe repairs and plans for future on whether repair and use it or trade it in on something more useful once repaired.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to approve the repairs by Doggett and put back on the agenda after fixed to decide action to take from there and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Discussion and Possible Action for Emergency Communications District of Smith County 911.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to approve and was seconded by Alderman Candy Folley

- 3. Discussion and Possible Action on rate increase from our garbage service of Republic for 2.2% with an effective date of October 1, 2017, for the City's bill and whether to consider an increase of the garbage rate to our customers to cover road repairs caused by the trucks on sides of roadways.**

It was decided to be tabled until next meeting (September 19th) with exploration into other offers from other garbage services through the Tyler Paper and also pricing on using a smaller truck to pick-up garbage at one pick-up a week and also at 2 pick-up's a week. No motion made at this time.

- 4. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2017 – 2018 proposed tax rate for City of Winona and concerns for possible change within the tax rate process.**

Mayor informed the council of the new tax rate proposed from Smith County Appraisal District for this coming year and her discussions with them in this regard. No motion was necessary at this time. Informational only right now and will be on the September 19th meeting.

- 5. Discussion and Possible Action to assist and be involved in a project to encourage the existing funeral home on Hwy 155 obtain historical landmark status by assisting with cleaning it and preparing it for public viewing per agreement with the property owner.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to move forward with assisting with this project on a voluntary basis and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

- 6. Part 2: Discussion and Possible Action for updates in employee handbook tabled from last month. (Candy Folley)**

Holiday:

Motion was made by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to update current handbook to reflect the following changes;
Vote to remove Good Friday ended in a tie vote of 2/2 forcing it to stay in the handbook without a vote to break the tie.

Vote to change Christmas Eve from ½ day off to the full day off was unanimous.

Vote to add President's Day to the list of holidays observed by the City employees 3 in favor; 1 opposed vote carried with the majority vote.

PTO will stay in the handbook as is

Workman's Comp:

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley to add a policy to the handbook using the TML recommendations in regards to workman's comp.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously

7. Discussion and Possible Action for situation created around gas leak at HWY 155/ Hwy 16, road repairs when project is complete for this location and several other locations in the city limits being repaired.

Information was given by Mayor Pat Schlau and discussed at this time. No motion required.

8. Discussion and Possible Action about Winona Fire Department utility bills at 1111 Dallas St.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones and Seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud to lower base fees on water from \$40 down to \$20 and for gas from \$16.50 down to \$8.25.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion, Updates, Informational, and Possible Action on behalf of the City financials.

Information was given by Mayor Pat Schlau and discussed at length. No motion required at this time.

10. Discussion and Possible Action for employee pay grade for Ronnie Hays who covers as Utility Supervisor of Water & Sewer with TCEQ and Supervisor of Gas for the City of Winona District Service Area.

Motion made By Alderman Dede Stroud to increase the pay for Ronnie Hays up to \$19.50 per hour from \$17.50 and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

3 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

11. Discussion and Possible Action for ideas on improving billing for meter reading, preparation & mailing of them.

Motion was made by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael to switch from meter mail on billing to using stamps.

All approved; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pat Schlau adjourned out of Regular Session at 8:27pm and opened into executive session at 8:30pm.

Council adjourned out of executive session at 8:43pm and reconvened into regular session at 8:43pm.

12. Discussion, Update, and Possible Action on behalf of employee Robert Tapley.

Nothing required at this time.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm.

Alderman Candy Folley seconded the motion.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Deana Powell, City Secretary

Pat Schlau, Mayor