

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday October 17, 2017
6:30 PM

MINUTES

On this 17th day of October, 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 Ray McFarland, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Ronnie Pilcher, Michael Sebring, Jennifer Averitt, Kevin Cashion, Calvin Schlau

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

Visitors spoke at this time

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to approve the minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting September 19th, 2017 with correction to discussion #2 vote; Public Hearing September 19th, 2017; and Special Call Meeting September 26th, 2017 with corrections to discussion #2 being Budget and not Tax Rate and was seconded by Candy Folley.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. DISCUSSION OF FINANCIALS FOR APPROVAL

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to approve September Financials and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion & possible action with possible line item changes for budget year 2017-2018 for hiring a Municipal Educated CPA for City Audit years of 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016 never done, and most current year 016/2017. (Guest Firm coming to answer your questions and for possible hire)**

Kevin Cashion spoke to the council about past and future audit abilities and cost to be completed. Follow up item for a later date.

- 2. Discussion & informational for understanding current city security camera status, computer back-up explained, status of office computers, and possible action for hiring an IT person. (Guest coming to answer your questions for possible hire)**
Discussed in executive session. Motion made back in regular session by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to use Calvin Schlau for IT on an as needed basis and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.
4 votes for; 1 vote opposed. Motions carried with majority vote.
- 3. Discussion & possible action for making two current water/sewer employees full time with full benefits and making any necessary changes to the budget 2017/2018 line items related to these changes.**
Discussed in executive session. Motion made back in regular session by Alderman Ray McFarland to hire 2 guys (Chad Hankins and Carl Ingerson) for water/sewer positions at \$12 per hour plus benefits and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to make current city secretary position held by employee Deana Powell to include City Administrator responsibilities with potential pay increase.**
Discussed in executive session. Motion made back in regular session by Alderman Candy Folley to leave the City Secretary position as is for now, place this position on salary with a pay increase of \$0.50 and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Discussion and possible action for accepting a submitted bid for all restructure or rebuilding needs for an ADA compliance City website by 2018.**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to move forward with Group M7 option 2 to rebuild the City's Website to bring it up to ADA compliance and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Discussion and possible action for accepting Ordinance 190 in detail for all items related to the construction and installation of cellular network nodes and sample permit application.**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to approve Ordinance 190 and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7. Discussion and possible action for creating a Miller Park Committee with the first assignment of submitting possible sign cost, location, and other park related needs for possible council approval.**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to appoint Dede Stroud as head of the Park Committee and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley. Rest of discussion to be tabled until November meeting.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Discussion with possible action for adopting new Texas State approved Handbook format with inserted personal charges directly related to City of Winona (Holidays, overtime, PTO, etc....)**
Tabled until November Meeting

9. Discussion of History, Updates & possible action for City Ordinances in communication with Municode online service (Example: Peddlers & fees from 6-21-2016 meeting compared to now of October 2017)

Noted as recognized area for needing updated from 2012 to present and already on the City's to be updated list.

10. Discussion and possible action for changing city council meetings to twice monthly.

Motion was made by Alderman Ray McFarland to approve two meeting a month for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm beginning November 7th, 2017 and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion & possible action of current garbage bill and whether to go out for bid for all garbage needs involving residential and commercial customers being serviced by the City of Winona.

Motion was made by Alderman Ray McFarland to go out for bid for garbage service and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion with possible action on whether to explore the possibility of assuming responsibility for homes on Kings Lane from Mud District.

Tabled for now requesting more information from MUD Council

13. Discussion with possible action for bids submitted for work needing done on City Gas Easements required by the RRC.

Motion was made by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge approve bid and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.

4 in favor; none opposed; and 1 abstained. Motion carried with majority vote.

14. Discussion with possible action on whether to still continue to transport gas for payment from the General Land office for the Hospital UT North East with notice or request a new contract agreement with an increase in cost for gas being transported.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones to remove UT from our gas service if negotiations cannot be agreed upon and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motions carried unanimously.

15. Discussion with possible action for a variety of topics on our sewer pond needs & repairs for acceptance: SEP Compliance application from Gary Burton Engineering, other sewer options for an aeration system installed, merging with another utility in order to become compliance approved by TCEQ with no future serious violations, and discussion on how this could affect our sewer rates, employee needs, plus long term with a potential sewer rate increase.

Motion was made by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge to move forward with doing away with sewer ponds and replace with drying bed system and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible action for past phone usage reimbursement for Mayor's personal cell phone that could be applied towards a better quality phone upgrade of Mayor's choice.

Motion was made by Alderman Dede Stroud to approve \$400 reimbursement to Mayor Pat Schlau to replace her current phone and seconded by Alderman Ray McFarland. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 and 551.072

This session is discussion only, actions on this discussion will be made once back in regular session.

Mayor Pat Schlau closed regular session meeting at 8:32pm and opened executive session

Closed executive session at 9:49pm and reconvened into regular session meeting

H. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:51pm

Seconded by Alderman Ray McFarland

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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