

**CITY OF WINONA**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**520 Dallas St. Winona, TX**  
**Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 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 Candy Folley, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Dee Roden, Curtis Land

**Members Absent:** Alderman Ray McFarland

**Guest Present:** Jennifer Averitt, Karen Hysell, Darla Smith, Cindy Bobbitt, Dee Roden, Pat Land, Curtis Land, Greg Dorris, Robert Tapley, Kay Gary, Blake Armstrong

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call. Public notice of this meeting has been given 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**

No one spoke at this time.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Alderman Dede Stroud to approve April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. FINANCIALS**

**1. Discussion and possible action to approve amendments made to include supporting receipts to the 2014/2015 FY financials.**

Motion made to approve by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Discussion and possible action to approve amended financials being submitted for 2015/2016 FY.**

Motion made to approve by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**3. Discussion and possible action for budgeting and selecting an audit firm to conduct audits on years needing auditing.**

Motion was made to use Acker & Company was made by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Review, discuss, and possible action for approval of City of Winona amended financials being submitted for 2016/2017 FY.**

Items 4 thru 7 have been moved to next meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for review

**5. Discussion and possible action to approve amended financials from October 2017 to March 2018 to reflect current operating budget.**

Items 4 thru 7 have been moved to next meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for review

**6. Preparation and discussion for future workshop for property taxes and budget 2018/2019.**

Items 4 thru 7 have been moved to next meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for review

**7. April 2018 Financials.**

Items 4 thru 7 have been moved to next meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for review

**Mayor closed regular session at 6:37pm and convened into executive session at 6:38pm.**

**Executive session closed at 7:17pm and Mayor reconvened into regular session at 7:19pm.**

**F. FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

**1. Update, discussion, and possible action for employee Robert Tapley, out on workman's comp since June 2017, for final consideration available options of wanting to return to work at the City of Winona.**

No action taken at this time.

**2. Follow up discussion and possible action on gas services, repairs, upgrades, and anything else gas related for a complete full discussion.**

Motion was made to approve the City Attorney Blake Armstrong to contact the General Land Office in regards to the status of the current contract gas agreement by Alderman Dede Stroud and Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Jones.

All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Follow up discussion and possible action for Miller Park. (Dede Stroud)**

It was reported that the swings have been ordered and should arrive sometime around the middle of June.

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- 4. Follow up discussion and possible action on the sewer pond evaluation of past, present, and future repairs or upgrades, services to customers, cost, and anything else related to the sewer department for a full discussion**

Pending updates from outside sources.

- 5. Mayor update items: Court reports, Utility maintenance reports, etc.**

Mayor spoke to the council over these departments and no questions at this time from the council.

**G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Administering the Oath of Office to the new Council members and recognition of departing members.**

City Secretary Deana Powell administered the Oath of Office to candidates Mayor Pat Schlau, Dee Roden, and Curtis Land.

- 2. Discussion and possible action on appointing Mayor Pro-Tem.**

Motion was made to appoint Curtis Land as the new Mayor Pro-Tem by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Discussion and possible action on the designation for an official Newspaper.**

Motion was made to continue using the Tyler Morning Telegraph by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Discussion and possible action on the designation of an official bank for the City of Winona.**

Motion was made to continue to use 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Hughes Springs Winona Branch by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Attorney.**

Motion was made to continue to use Blake Armstrong by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Candy Folley.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Discussion and possible action on appointing the City Judge.**

Motion was made to continue to use Judge Shamburger by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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**7. Discussion and possible action to approve an animal control reference vet for the City of Winona.**

Motion was made to stay with the vet in Tyler by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Appraisal District Budget.**

Motion was made to approve by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Dede Stroud.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Discussion and possible action to designate a new water rate class for small business usage of water and sewer equal to residential usage.**

Motion was made to approve beginning with the June 1<sup>st</sup> billing by Alderman Candy Folley and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code 551.072. This session is discussion only and any decisions made during this discussion will be mentioned and voted upon once reconvened into regular session.*

**1. Update, discussion, and possible action for employee Robert Tapley, out on workman's comp since June 2017, for final consideration available options of wanting to return to work at the City of Winona.**

Discussed at length and action (if any) was taken once back in regular session.

**2. Follow up discussion and possible action on gas services, repairs, upgrades, and anything else gas related for a complete full discussion.**

Discussed at length and action (if any) was taken once back in regular session.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Dede Stroud made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:41 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Pat Schlau, Mayor

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Deana Powell, City Secretary