

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday March 19th, 2019

MINUTES

On this 19th day of March 2019 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 Curtis Land, Alderman Nubbin Rutledge, Alderman Dede Stroud, Alderman Dee Roden, Attorney Blake Armstrong

Members Absent: Alderman Candy Folley

Guest Present: Ronnie Pilcher, Michael Sebring, Pat Land, Ronnie Young, Stephanie Hays, Terry Cole, Shelley Brumley, Ronnie Hays, Greg Dorris, Karen Hysell

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 Curtis Land asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 19th, 2019 Regular Minutes.

Motion was made by Alderman Dede Stroud to approve the February 19th, 2019 Regular minutes and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of February 2019 Financials.

Motion was made to table February 2019 financials by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

Utility Department

Utility Supervisor Ronnie Hays updated council on utility department standings with the ATMOS connection; Railroad Commission; incident with power surge at the lift station from the power outage; and TCEQ updates.

1. Park

Updated on the fall surface for the swing area. The progress is being held up due to weather and will be spread out as soon as weather permits.

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F. CURRENT ACTIVE PROJECTS:

1. Evaluation and discussion on utility wide rates for all departments of gas, water, and sewer utilities.

Motion was made to table discussion by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to reevaluate the late charges on utility bills with a possible new rate structure.

Motion was made to restructure late fee charges to \$10 or 10% whichever is greater by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on the sewer pond evaluation of past, present, and future repairs of upgrades, and anything else related to the sewer department for a full discussion.

Ronnie Hays updated council during utility department report.

No motions made at this time.

4. Discussion and possible action on gas services, repairs, upgrades, GLO, ATMOS, and anything else gas related for a full discussion.

Ronnie Hays updated council during utility department report.

No motions made at this time.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to reevaluate the amount of assistance from Magnum Gas to upgrade City owned gas lines.

Greg Dorris with Magnum Gas updated Council on ATMOS connection went live on March 03rd. magnum has approved assistance of up to \$125,000 and \$30,000 has been spent to date. Would like to amend contract with the City to mirror the ATMOS contract of 10 years to assure Magnum gets reimbursed. The contract can be amended to release funds as needed as work is ready to be done so the City is having to reimburse monies not used yet.

2. Discussion and possible action to decide what to do with the vacant Alderman seat.

Motion was made to leave seat vacant until after May election by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Discussion and possible action to appoint a Mayor-Pro Tem for the remainder of the Mayor Pro-Tem term.

Motion was made to appoint Alderman Dee Roden to finish the 2-month term by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action for clarification of the Mayor expense and what it covers.

Motion was made that the Mayor expense is a travel stipend of \$250 and covers travel only. Mayor is also allowed a \$30 phone expense each month on top of the \$250 travel expense for phone reimbursement by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on whether to approve the new SWEPCO contract or not.

Motion was made to approve the new 30-year contract with SWEPCO by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action to update the job description for the positions of City Secretary Mayor, and Utility Director. (Candy Folley)

Motion was made to table discussion until Alderman Candy Folley returns by Alderman Dee Roden and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Request for discussion of current gas prices by Mrs. Rosie Arps.

Mrs. Arps was not present at meeting. Not discussed.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve building permits for Ronnie Pilcher for construction of eight (8) two-bedroom/two-bathroom duplex units with carports in the Wildcat Estates subdivision.

Motion was made to approve the building permits to SP&P presented by Ronnie Pilcher by Alderman Dede Stroud and seconded by Alderman Nubbin Rutledge.
All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

H. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Guest spoke at this time. Terry Cole asked to add speed bump discussion to next meeting and Karen Hysell asked to have speed limit changed on Hwy 16 inside City Limits added to next months agenda.

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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 discussion only and any decisions made during this discussion will be mentioned and voted upon once reconvened into regular session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Dede Stroud made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:52 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.

Curtis Land, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary