

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday March 16th, 2021

MINUTES

On this 16th day of March 2021, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole, Alderman Dee Roden, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Craig Attaway

Members Absent: Alderman Karen Hysell

Guest Present: Craig McCollum, Les lake, Mike Branch, Ismael Lewis, Ronnie Pilcher, Joe Martel

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. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

Guest Ismael Lewis spoke at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 15th, 2020 Regular Minutes and March 2nd, 2021 Special Call Minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to approve the December 15th, 2020 Regular minutes and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

Approval of December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021 Financials

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to approve the December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021 financials and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

Craig McCollum gave update on utility department to the council at this time. Questions asked and answered.

2. Miller Park/City Beautification

Alderman Dee Roden updated Council on progress of park. Contacted Superintendent at WISD about a volunteer opportunity at the City Park for students needing community service hours.

3. Mayor Updates

- a) **Texas Water Development Board – Project Information Form (PIF) Submission**
- b) **Part Time Employee with no benefits for the utility department**

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c) Utility Clerk – Grant Class

Mayor updated the Council on all topics listed above.

4. Monthly Mandatory Reports

Reports given to the Council for review.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion and consider approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by resolution Traylor & Associates, Inc as grant writer/administrator in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the 2021-2022 Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) to provide application preparation and project administration, if awarded.**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to accept Traylor & Associates, Inc as grant writer/administrator and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Discussion and possible action of the alternative proposed Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the East Texas Municipal Utility District and action as desired.**
Motion was made by Alderman Craig Attaway to deny the proposed secondary agreement proposed by East Texas Municipal District and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.
All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Discussion and possible action on bids received on tree clean-up on Old Hwy 155.**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to go with the lowest bid and get bids for the tire clean-up and go with the lowest bid and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.
All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to approve or deny the interlocal agreement with Smith County Animal Control.**
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole to accept and seconded by Alderman Dee Roden.
All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Discussion and possible action to start a farmers' market at Miller Park in the Spring.**
Motion was made by Alderman Dee Roden to do one Saturday a month and set a date in May and seconded by Alderman Gary Fox.
All in Favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Discussion and update regarding Nolan Farms. (Les Lake)**
Les Lake updated the council on the status of Nolan Farms.

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Cole made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Curtis Land, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary