

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
520 Dallas St. Winona, TX
Tuesday September 19th, 2023

MINUTES

On this 19th day of September 2023, 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 Rachel Moreno, Alderman Craig Attaway, Alderman Gary Fox, Alderman Pat Land, Alderman Laney Barnes, Alderman Dee Roden

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Craig McCollum

A. CALL TO ORDER

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call. Public notice of this meeting has been given and a quorum is present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

At this time Mayor Rachel Moreno asked everyone to observe in the Pledge of Allegiance and Alderman Dee Roden gave the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

No one spoke at this time.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of August 15th, 2023, Regular Minute; August 25th, 2023, Special Call Minutes; September 11th, 2023, Special Call Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to table the August 15th minutes until next meeting and approve the minutes for August 25th, and September 11th, 2023, special call minutes and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:

1. Approval of May and June Financials

No Financials

F. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES:

1. Utility Department

a) Monthly report: Craig McCollum gave an update on the utility department. We had a big loss of water this month. Still working on trying to figure out what caused the loss. Could have been a bad reading of the meter or someone pulling from the fire hydrants.

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2. Park/City Beautification

Updated by Alderman Dee Roden. No updates at this time. Still haven't heard from the guy on a quote for the park upgrades. Trades days/Fall Festival will still be on October 28th, 2023.

3. Mayor Updates

a) Update on permits submitted for processing.

We have been getting quite a few solar installation permits.

b) Office closure for October 5th, 2023.

We will be closing the office on the 5th of October due to us being out of town for the TML Conference and appointments that cannot be changed.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve by Ordinance 222 the 2023 FY tax rate.

Alderman Pat Land made the motion to approve by ordinance the tax rate of 0.407732 and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve by Ordinance 223 the 2023/2024 Budget.

Alderman Pat Land made the motion to approve by Ordinance the 2023/2024 FY Budget and seconded by Alderman Landy Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action on possibly changing the late fee structure and/or increase the late fees for utility bills.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to change the late fee's to \$15 and keep the reconnect fee of \$100 and no more mailing out late notices and seconded by Alderman Laney Barnes.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to get generators for the community center and city hall.

Alderman Craig Attaway made the motion to get generators not to exceed \$20,000 for both and seconded by Alderman Pat Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to update the employee handbook to allow cashing in of PTO time if maximum accumulation of time has been reached.

Mayor pro-Tem Dee Roden made the motion to table the discussion until further notice and seconded by Alderman Craig Attaway.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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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 a closed session.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Laney Barnes made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:20 pm.

Seconded by Alderman Pat Land.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Deana Powell, City Secretary