

CITY OF WINONA
Regular City Council Meeting
Community Center
520 Dallas St., Winona TX 75792
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 06:00pm

MINUTES

On this 20th day of January 2026, the Winona City Council convened at the Community Center located at 520 Dallas Street, Winona, Texas at 06:00pm in a Regular City Council Meeting. The meeting was open to the public and the following were present:

Members Present: Mayor Rachel Moreno, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden, Alderman Shanna Clark, Alderman Terry Cole, Alderman Luis Diaz, Alderman Gary Fox

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: WISD Superintendent Justin Cowart and WISD Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Marsh, City Supervisor 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 guest, Justin Cowart, gave the invocation prayer.

C. VISITORS OPEN FORUM

WISD Superintendent Justin Cowart presented the City Council with a printout of information regarding the school district's water and sewer bills. Mr. Cowart presented the school district's concerns regarding the rates doubling from last year to this year. The school has approximately 1100 students and 225 employees.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Rachel Moreno moved to have the minutes for October 21st and November 7th 2025, approved. Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Roden made a motion to approve said minutes, and Alderman Gary Fox seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

E. MONTHLY REPORTS OR UPDATES

1. Utility Department

- a) Monthly Report:** Updated by Craig McCollum. Everything is running well and we have passed all audits. Sewer line project under Hwy 155 has been completed and the man-whole in front of Pam's Sweet Shoppe has been replaced. Glen Trimble is working on doing CSI inspections on all residential homes within the city limits. The check valves at the meters are

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not currently mandatory but will be in the future. City employees are currently doing a gas appliance survey to verify what type of meter each house will need, and the survey is almost complete.

2. Mayor's Updates

- a) **Gas:** Discussed the inconsistency in the gas bills and the corrections made and implemented.
- b) **Billings:** Gave update on looking at a new billing system.
- c) **Permits:** Pilcher's place on Kay St – Waiting on approval, Shopping Center on Hwy 155 – Waiting on request

F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and action to approve the order for the May 2026 election.

After discussion, Alderman Dee Roden made a motion to approve the order, and it was seconded by Alderman Luis Diaz. All in favor, none opposed, Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action to Deny by Resolution of SWEPCO's request for approval of its proposed "Electrical Service – Large Load Contract". After discussion, Alderman Terry Cole made a motion to deny SWEPCO's request, and it was seconded by Alderman Luis Diaz. All in favor, none opposed, Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve new master meter rate for Winona ISD. It was determined that no action was needed. Per attorneys, pricing for the master meters is held by the City Ordinance, which is \$1,230.00 for the 4" water meter.

4. Discussion and possible action to reduce the top tier rate for water. After discussion, Alderman Shanna Clark made a motion to reduce the residential and commercial water rates by removing the 0-2000 gal. Tier and it was seconded by Alderman Luis Diaz. All in favor, none opposed, Motion carried unanimously.

(Removal of \$4.50 per 1000 for a total at \$9.00 for residential and \$9.00 per 1000 for a total of \$18.00 for commercial)

5. Discussion and possible action to reduce the top tier rate for sewer. After discussion, Alderman Shanna Clark made a motion to reduce the residential and commercial sewer rates by removing the 0-2000 gal. Tier and it was

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seconded by Alderman Luis Diaz. All in favor, none opposed, Motion carried unanimously.

(Removal of \$5.50 per 1000 for a total at \$11.00 for residential and \$10.00 per 1000 for a total of \$20.00 for commercial)

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION (06:46pm – 07:29pm)

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.

Mayor Rachel Moreno closed regular session and opened executive session at 06:46pm to discuss Action Items 3, 4, and 5.

Mayor Rachel Moreno closed the Executive Session at 07:29pm and reopened into Regular Session.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Luis Diaz made the motion to adjourn this meeting at 07:39pm, and Alderman Terry Cole seconded. All in favor, none opposed, Motion carried unanimously.

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

Rachel Moreno, Mayor

Craig Mccollum Maintenance Supervisor