



CITY OF WINTERS, TEXAS
310 S. MAIN ST. WINTERS, TX
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order. Mayor Bahlman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Alderman Jimmy Butler, Alderman Mike Neal, Alderman Wesley Hagle, Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez and City Attorney Ken Slimp. Not in attendance was Alderwoman Ursula Estrada.

Pledge of Allegiance -US and Texas Flag

Agenda Item 1. Community Input. N/A.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes from May 20,2024. Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20,2024, seconded by Alderman Jimmy Butler. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0. *Note, original Agenda had an incorrect date of May 27,2024, for the minutes. This should have read May 20,2024, there was no meeting on May 27,2024.

Agenda Item 3. Department Reports:

- **City Administrator: Nate Smith**

- A. City Administrator Report. Mr. Smith reported that the County is wanting to retain ownership of the in-town RV Park on State St. and a new agreement will be sent per Judge Julia Miller. Mr. Smith informed the Council that this years annual audit is still in progress as there are questions from the Auditor's that need to be answered, staff and the CPA, Sandra Rose are working to get the answers to them. He would like to present the Audit in July if possible.
Mr. Smith stated the meeting concerning the Circle Drive drainage issues was productive, however, the Kahlig family are still thinking things over.
Budget for June leaves us headed into the final quarter of this fiscal year in a relatively good position with the Utility Fund revenues at 71.30 percent for May and expenditures at 50.17 percent.

- B. Sales Tax graphics. Sales tax receipts for the month of June were \$23,854.69, which is 5.97 percent less than the previous year at \$25,370.42. We are 2.89 percent ahead for the calendar year.
- **City Secretary: Sheila Lincoln**
 - A. Atmos Rider GCR -Rate Filing. No discussion.
 - B. CD Rates & Maturity. Ms. Lincoln reported that only three (3) of the ten (10) CD's are drawing 1.50 percent interest while the remainder are earning 4.60 percent interest.
- **Water Department: Supervisor, Michael Blackshear.** Not present.
 - A. Water Usage- Water Usage & Lake Report.
 - B. Sewer Status
 - C. Projects, New/ Ongoing.
- **Street Department: Supervisor, David Lara.** Not Present.
 - A. Projects
- **Police Department: Chief Paula Geyer.** Chief Geyer stated that it was a good month for traffic stops. She also stated that on June 10th the K-9 died and she is currently writing a grant for a new one.
 - A. Statistics- Report attached.
- **Code Enforcement: Bobby Sanders.** Mr. Sanders stated there were forty-two (42) prohibited conditions and one junk vehicle.
 - A. Animal Control. There were 3 dog and 1 cat call with six (6) citations and two dog bites.
 - B. Citation Statistics. There were no citations.
- **City Judge: Greg Nichols.** Not present.
 - A. Citation Statistics. Provided by Ms. Lincoln from Judges report; there were twenty-five (25) completed cases and twenty-six (26) violations.
- **Airport Manager: Richard Humphrey.** Not present.
 - A. Projects. Nate Smith noted that the crew has started crack sealing, and the Airport is closed this week.
 - B. Events. N/A.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of Bills. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Agenda Item 5. Council's Report: No discussion.
 A. Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting.

Agenda Item 6. Old Business: N/A.

Agenda Item 7. New Business:

- A. **Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2024-14, a resolution denying AEP's proposed rate increases before Public Utility Commission of Texas.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14 denying AEP's proposed rate increases before Public Utility Commission of Texas,

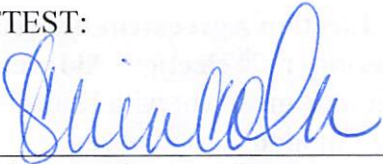
seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

- B. Discussion and possible action on health insurance renewal with Texas Health Benefits.** Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal with Texas Health Benefits, seconded by Alderman Jimmy Butler. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- C. Discussion and possible action on accepting sewer easement agreement for the Cobblestone Inns and Suites.** Mayor Bahlman asked City Attorney, Ken Slimp, if the agreement was ok to which Mr. Slimp stated that it is. Alderman Mike Neal asked what the \$10 is for, Mr. Slimp stated that it is symbolic of consideration. Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to accept the sewer easement agreement for the Cobblestone Inn and Suites, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- D. Discussion and possible action on opting into an intergovernmental agreement with TML-IRP for cyber liabilities.** This agenda item was tabled pending information from Ed with SDT, the city's IT team.
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve the Joint Election Agreement between the city of Winters and Runnels County for the November 5th election.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement with Runnels County, seconded by Alderman Mike Neal. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- F. Discussion and possible action on appointing Robin Burgess, Tax Collector, to Calculate Tax Rate.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to appoint Robin Burgess, Tax Collector to calculate the tax rate, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- G. Discussion and possible action on revenue bond payment options.** After discussion Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to pay off Tax Exempt Series 2007A, Tax Exempt Series 2008 & Taxable Series 2011, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- H. Executive Session, Texas Government Code.** The Council and City Administrator, Nate Smith went into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.
- **Section 551.087 – Economic Development, K&M Tire tax abatement.**
 - **Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, Nate Smith evaluation.**
- I. Reconvene in Open Session.** Reconvene in Open Session at 7:01 p.m.
- J. Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion for Nate Smith to move forward with the tax abatement process for K & M Tire, seconded by Alderman Mike Neal. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- The evaluation for Mr. Smith has been postponed until next month.
- K. Budget Workshop – 2024-2025 Budget**
- Mr. Smith addressed the Council asking how they would like to look at the budget; line-by-line? By department? Alderman Jimmy Butler stated that he would prefer to look by department. Mr. Smith stated that the goal from the requested budget to the

proposed budget is for the budget to balance. Mr. Smith stated that he does not think the current pay of \$13/hour is competitive and would like to consider the lowest paid employees and starting pay for new employees be raised to \$15/hour. Alderman Butler suggested a percentage raise from the mid-point. Other requests looked at were Capital Projects, City Hall improvements, including software upgrades, improvements to the City Park and upgrades to the Community Center. Included in the Waterworks Capital Projects are the Water Plant, Sewer upgrade, specifically, the lift stations and new water meters. Alderman Butler asked the status of hiring a Licensed B Operator and alleviating the cost of the operator being paid through eHT. The Council set the next Budget Workshop for July 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Agenda Item 8. Adjourn. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

ATTEST:



Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary



Chris Bahlman, Mayor