



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

August 26, 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 Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez, Alderman Wesley Hagle, Alderwoman Ursula Estrada, Alderman Mike Neal, Alderman Jimmy Butler and City Attorney Ken Slimp.

**Pledge of Allegiance -US and Texas Flag**

**Agenda Item 1. Community Input.** There was no community input.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes** from July 29, 2024. Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the minutes from July 29, 2024, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

**Agenda Item 3. Department Reports:**

- **City Administrator: Nate Smith**
  - A. City Administrator Report. Mr. Smith informed the Council that the audit continues and should be completed by September's meeting. He also stated that Randy Hollar a CPA with knowledge of Incode 9 would be training staff and helping to fix the AP issues.
  - B. Sales Tax graphics. Mr. Smith stated that sales tax receipts for the month of August were \$47,839.92, 51.22 percent more than the previous year's receipts at \$31,634.15. For the fiscal year the city is tracking at 102 percent of total sales tax received with one month to go.  
Mr. Smith informed the council that \$200,000 was transferred from Waterwork to the General Fund and it is likely that more would need to be transferred for year end.
- **City Secretary: Sheila Lincoln**
  - A. Atmos Annual Gas Cost Rec. Filing, June 30, 2024. Information Only. No discussion.
  - B. City Hall Report. Ms. Lincoln presented the CH report with CD and account balances for the month of July.
  - C. Appreciation Letter from Hays Family. No discussion.
- **Water Department: Supervisor, Michael Blackshear.** Not present.
  - A. Water Usage
  - B. Sewer Status

- C. **Projects, New/ Ongoing.** Mr. Smith informed the council that the first High Service Pump is up, operational and in service with the next two to come soon. Hopefully.
- **Street Department: Supervisor, David Lara.**
  - A. **Projects.** Mr. Lara stated that there were no current projects but would begin seal coating next month.
- **Police Department: Chief Paula Geyer.** Not present.
  - A. **Statistics-** Report attached.
- **Code Enforcement: Bobby Sanders.**
  - A. **Animal Control-** Mr. Sanders stated that he had 8 (eight) dog calls, 16 (sixteen) cat, 1 (one) Raccoon, 3 (three) Skunks, 1 (one) Incident Report and 1 (one) dog bite.
  - B. **Citation Statistics-** Mr. Sanders stated there were 28 (twenty-eight) prohibited conditions, 3 (three) substandard buildings and 4 (four) citations issued.
- **City Judge: Greg Nichols.**
  - A. **Citation Statistics.** Judge Nichols informed the council that for the month there were 22 (twenty-two) new cases, 19 (nineteen) completed with \$1168.00 going to the city and \$1098.00 going to the state.
- **Airport Manager: Richard Humphrey.** NA.
  - A. **Projects.**
  - B. **Events.**

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of Bills.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

**Agenda Item 5. Council's Report:**

- A. **Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting.** N/A.

**Agenda Item 6. Old Business:**

- A. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2024-16, a resolution disapproving the Runnels County Appraisal District budget for 2025 and returning any excess funds to the taxing entities.** City Administrator, Nate Smith recommended there be no action on this agenda item. No action taken.
- B. Discussion and possible action on opting into an intergovernmental agreement with TML-IRP for cyber liabilities.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with TML-IRP for cyber liabilities, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

**Agenda Item 7. New Business:**

- A. Discussion and possible action on an interlocal agreement with Runnels County for street improvements.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Runnels County for street improvements, seconded by Alderman Jimmy Butler. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- B. Discussion and possible action to renew agreement with Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to renew the agreement with Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- C. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2024-17, a resolution calling all outstanding maturities of the City of Winters Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System**

**Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007A, Series 2008, and Taxable Series 2011 for redemption in whole prior to maturity and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

- D. **Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance 2024-02 Declaring Unopposed Candidates and Cancelling the November 5, 2024 Election.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 Declaring Unopposed Candidates and Cancelling the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- E. **Discussion and possible action regarding additional funding request from the Winters Public Library.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the request for additional funding from the Winters Public Library, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- F. **Workshop – 2024-2025 Budget.** Mr. Smith stated that in the last BWS that persons in the H-1, H-2 and H-3 would be in the Tier 1 PayScale and fall into the 10 percent pay increase; after discussion it was determined that the H-3 position, that of the Waterworks Supervisor, should fall into the Tier 2 position and receive the 4 percent pay increase. The Public Hearing has been set for September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget and Tax Rate.
- G. **Executive Session, Texas Government Code**  
▪ **Section 551.087 – Economic Development – Request from Winters Hotel Group LLC.**

The Council went into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

- H. **Reconvene in Open Session.** The Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:07 p.m.
- I. **Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session.** There was no discussion regarding Executive Session.

**Agenda Item 8. Adjourn.** Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary



  
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Chris Bahlman, Mayor