



**City of Winters**  
**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, TX.**  
**Monday, July 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

\*NOTE: D/A on this agenda stands for Discussion/Action.

**Call meeting to order.** Mayor Mark Burkhart opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Quorum Check. Present:** Mayor Mark Burkhart  
Attorney Ken Slimp  
Alderwoman Ursula Estrada  
Alderwoman Carolyn De Nigro  
Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez

**Absent:** Alderman Clayton Woffenden

**Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.**

**Agenda Item # 1. Community input.** Ms. Linda Huckaby stated she is on the Planning & Zoning board and is concerned about not having the Ordinance for rezoning on the agenda as of yet. Mayor Burkhart asked about the status of the letters. Ms. Huckaby asked Attorney Slimp if the letters are to be done by the city and not the P & Z Board, to which he replied he is not sure which letters she was referring to. Ms. Huckaby states that her understanding is that the letters to all neighbors in the area of rezoning are to go out from the city. Sharon Miller stated she has the letter typed and is waiting on approval before they go out. Ms. Huckaby states she is frustrated and has spoken to the Chairman, Rene Woffenden and to her understanding the process should have been on the agenda already. Mayor Mark Burkhart asked the status of the letters, to which Ms. Miller and Ms. Lincoln answered the draft is ready for approval by Mr. Slimp and Mr. Rene Woffenden and should go out within the week after approval.

Mr. Jordan Sanchez addressed Council stating that he has been working on getting a new housing development off the ground and is in the preliminary stages. He states it will be north of town and showed a copy of the possible lay out of the development, stating it would include thirty (30) total lots which would be right off U.S. Highway 83 with another entrance to the property off Rodeo Arena Road (or county road 206). He is here to ask what the city requires for presentation in order to get infrastructure to the project; water and city sewer and to have property annexed into the city. Mr. Sanchez states that with annexation each property would be

taxed. Mayor Burkhart stated that he researched the annexing process and as he sees it, it would have to be deferred to an attorney, there is paperwork, which can be very involved, and he feels it could take some time. Mayor Burkhart asked water supervisor, Michael Blackshear about adding a pumpstation and providing infrastructure, who stated that the city did not have the resources to provide infrastructure and it would have to be provided by landowner. Mayor Burkhart also stated that the city could not use its funds to pay for the running of private lines (Texas Constitution Article 3, Section 52). Mr. Sanchez asked how to move forward with the growth of the community and the annexing process. Mayor Burkhart explained that the property could be annexed in. City attorney, Mr. Slimp stated that the annexing process is a process, but the city would not have to hire an attorney to do it especially if the owner is asking to be annexed. Mr. Sanchez said that ideally, he would like the property to be annexed which in turn would benefit the city with tax dollars. He again asked what the city needs from him to get the annexation process started. Mr. Slimp replied that the city would need to see all the plans and specifications and that the city and the county would have to approve the plat. Mr. Sanchez states that in this first phase is platted and there is a survey, which could change if more lots could be added depending on lot size requirements. Mayor Burkhart asked that this be put on the agenda for next month.

Joe Spano with Republic Services stopped by to say hello and that he appreciates doing business with the city of Winters.

**Agenda Item # 2. D/A regarding the credit request from North Runnels Water Supply Corporation.**

Attorney Ken Slimp stated that he is also the attorney for North Runnels Water Supply and would have to excuse himself from consulting with the city on this particular agenda item due to the conflict of interest. Mayor Burkhart asked that the item be tabled until next month's meeting so that the Council would have time to read over the contract between the city of Winters and North Runnels Water Supply Corporation. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada asked if NRWSC has been getting billed and they just were not paying? City Secretary Sheila Lincoln responded that they are indeed billed for usage, and they do pay on time but there is no evidence that the city has ever billed according to Section 6. Fiscal Periods, Price and Terms, since its origination in 2008.

**Agenda Item # 3. D/A regarding the Joint Election Agreement and Contract with Runnels County.**

Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro asked if this is the standard agreement we do every time we have elections, to which the answer is to the best of our understanding. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract with Runnels County. Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 4. D/A regarding the Engagement Agreement with Wetsel, Carmichael, Allen & Lederle, L.L.P., Attorneys at Law in representing the City of Winters regarding abatement for the Winters Hotel Group, Cobblestone Inn and Suites.**

Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro made a motion to approve the Engagement Agreement with Wetsel, Carmichael, Allen & Lederle, L.L.P., Attorneys at Law in representing the City of Winters regarding abatement for the Winters Hotel Group, Cobblestone Inn and Suites. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 5. D/A regarding splitting the cost of repeater power upgrade, repeater antenna, etc. with the WVFD.**

Chief Geyer stated that the North Runnels Hospital paid for the repeater in full and that the Fire Department and EMS are both on it but when it was installed the WPD was not put on the system. Chief Geyer stated that we now need a booster and upgrade, etc. which would include the WPD and provide better coverage and communication from all entities.

Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion that the city pay \$5,000 toward the cost of the repeater power upgrade, repeater antenna, etc. with the WVFD. Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 6. D/A regarding the purchase of a pump from All American Pump Solutions, Inc. for the lagoons and a backup motor for the lake and/or pivot.**

Water supervisor stated that the motor needed for the lake or the lagoons, which carries sewer water to the pivots and the pump is for the grinder station which carries sewer water from the city to the lagoons. He stated that the back up he had is now being used as the main, he states further that it will take 6-8 months to get them in once ordered. Total cost of both would be over \$20,000. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to approve the purchase of a pump from All American Pump Solutions, Inc. And a backup motor for the lake and/or pivot. Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #7. Discussion regarding Atmos Energy Rider GCR rate filing.**

Mayor Burkhart acknowledged the Atmos Energy Rider GCR rate and asked if there were any questions regarding the filing, there were none. No action.

**Agenda Item # 8. D/A regarding the acceptance of the resignation of Council Members Sandee Schneider and Elmer Buckelew.**

Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro made a motion to accept the resignation of Alderwoman Sandee Schneider. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Aldерwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to accept the resignation of Alderman Elmer Buckelew. Aldерwoman Carolyn DeNigro seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 9. D/A regarding moving the council meeting in August from the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Mayor Burkhart stated he would not be in town on August 29,2022 and asked if there were any objections or motions to move. Aldерwoman Carolyn DeNigro made a motion to move the meeting to August 22,2022. Aldерwoman Ida Rodriguez seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 10. Monthly Reports for June 2022.**

- A. City Hall Reports.** Acting City Secretary stated that both the city audit and the State Comptroller's audits are still ongoing. Ms. Lincoln also stated that the recent TCEQ Inspection prompted by an anonymous report of the city's water plant being ran by unlicensed personnel yielded an enforcement based on the summary of investigation findings from 2020. The city's is contracted with eHT for licensed operators as well as current water supervisor who also holds a current license.
- B. Street Department.** Street supervisor, David Lara reported that the 1997 Chevrolet Bucket truck which he had taken to the shop here in town had been stolen and recovered by San Angelo PD. The theft claim has been filed.
- C. Animal Control/Code Enforcement.** Bobby Sanders stated that the city had begun clearing several properties that have burned.
- D. Chief of Police.** Chief Geyer stated that new officer Clay Bradshaw had started with the WPD.
- E. Waterworks.** Supervisor, Michael Blackshear stated that Lupe Olvera will begin class tomorrow.
- F. Municipal Judge.** N/A. Not present.

**Agenda Item #11. Consent Items:**

**A. Approval of Bills.**


Aldерwoman Carolyn DeNigro made a motion to pay the bills. Aldерwoman Ursula Estrada seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

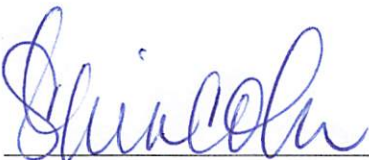
- B. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2022- Regular Meeting.**
- Approval of Minutes from July 18,2022 -Special Meeting.**
- Approval of Minutes from July 21,2022- Special Meeting.**

Aldерwoman Carolyn DeNigro made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27, 2022- Regular Meeting, July 18, 2022- Special Meeting & July 21,2022 – Special Meeting. Aldерwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 12. Adjourn meeting.** Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Mayor, Mark Burkhart

  
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Acting City Secretary, Sheila Lincoln



