



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

July 31, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Mark Burkhart, Attorney Ken Slimp, Alderman Jimmy Butler, Alderman Mike Neal, Alderwoman Ursula Estrada, and Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Not in attendance was Alderwoman Zan Jamieson.

Pledge of Allegiance -US and Texas Flag

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

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes from June 26,2023 and July 17,2023. Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26th and July 17, 2023. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

Agenda Item 3. Department Reports:

- *City Secretary: Sheila Lincoln
- * Atmos Rider GCR -Rate Filing for July 2023. No discussion.
- *Update to Atmos Energy Corporation's Conservation and Energy Efficiency Tariff. No discussion.
- * Congratulations to Bobby Sanders on becoming a Registered Code Enforcement Officer. Alderman Jimmy Butler of the Council congratulated Mr. Sanders and thanked him for his dedication to becoming certified.
- * New COLA Options. FYI only. No discussion.
 - * Water Department: Supervisor, Michael Blackshear, not in attendance.
 - A. Water Usage
 - B. Sewer Status
 - C. Projects, New/ Ongoing. – Obtaining Proposal Documents for Pump Station Improvements. No discussion.
 - D. TCEQ Notice of Public Meeting, August 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m. for Application No. 13524. No discussion.

*Street Department: Supervisor, David Lara. No discussion.
A. Projects

*Police Department: Chief Paula Geyer, not in attendance. No discussion.
A. Statistics

*Code Enforcement: Bobby Sanders. Mr. Sanders went over stats of report.
A. Animal Control
B. Citation Statistics

*City Judge: Greg Nichols. Mr. Nichols stated that he learned a lot while at Judge School and that citations have slowed down significantly as there were only six (6) issued for the month of July. He stated further that he had closed two hundred (200) plus old cases.
A. Citation Statistics.

*Airport Manager: Richard Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey addressed agenda items under new business.

A. Projects- Mr. Humphrey stated that he had a gentleman who recently bought a hangar at the airport who would like to run water to his hangar. He is willing to pay for the project and the city would maintain the meter.

B. Events

Agenda Item 4. Approval of Bills. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to pay the bills, Alderman Jimmy Butler seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

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

Agenda Item 6. Old Business: No old business.

Agenda Item 7. New Business:

A. Presentation from Robin Burgess, Runnels County Tax Assessor on the 2023 Tax Rates. Ms. Robin Burgess, Runnels County Tax Assessor presented the Council with the Certified Taxable Value for the city of Winters, the 2023 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet and the 2023 Governing Body Summary #1A Benchmark 2023 Tax Rates for the city of Winters. Ms. Burgess stated that the no-new-revenue tax rate is 0.628111 this tax rate will issue the same amount of money as last year and will not require a public hearing. If the Council goes up to the Voter-Approval Adjusted Unused Increment Rate of 0.664435. Anything above the 0.628111 requires the city to have a Public Hearing and anything over the 0.664435 would require an election. Alderman Mike Neal asked Ms. Burgess to explain the De Minimis Rate, Ms. Burgess stated that the term is a Latin term and it is used by a city with a population less than 30,000 and do not have a tax rate which is over 2.5 cents. For instance you would take a property with a \$500,000 value divided by the taxable value, multiplied by 100, but since the city of Winters does not

qualify she did not figure it. She stated further that the De Minimis Rate could come back higher than the Voter-Approval-Rate which could require an election if used. Alderman Jimmy Butler asked what the timelines are for proposing the Tax Rate, Ms. Burgess stated that she would like to have the rates set before September 15,2023. Alderman Jimmy Butler asked if the council could approve a tax rate of any amount if it is below the VAR adjusted for Unused Increment Rate, Ms. Burgess confirmed.

- B. Consider and take possible action on designating Robin Burgess, Tax Assessor to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate for the taxing unit for the city of Winters.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to designate Robin Burgess to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate and the voter-approval rate for the taxing unit for the city of Winters. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

- C. Consider and take possible action to increase sewer rates for the city.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to increase the sewer rates for the city, Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion. During discussion Alderman Jimmy Butler states in his opinion Option 3 would be too difficult to use and thinks that Option 2 would be best for the citizens and most compatible with current software for billing. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez suggested meeting in the middle between current rate and proposed average rate. After discussion, the vote for approval was Ayes 0, Noes 4. Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to table this agenda item until August 14,2023 at the budget workshop.

- D. Consider and take possible action to amend the TXDOT Aviation Ordinance Model provided for the city of Winters.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to amend the TXDOT Ordinance Model, Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez seconded the motion. Mike Neal asked what was included in the packet and asked Mr. Humphrey, Airport Manager, if he suggested adopting, Mr. Humphrey answered yes. Ms. Lincoln asked if the adoption of the ordinance was due by a certain date or if not having it in play would hinder grant monies to which he answered no. Mr. Slimp suggested that the Council not “reinvent the wheel” as far as adopting the ordinance and tweak the ordinance to suit the city of Winters as the model is intended to be just that. Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to postpone this agenda item until the next regular meeting. Alderman Mike Neal seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

- E. Consider and take possible action to approve the quote from Bright Portal Resources, LLC for the Airport.** Mr. Humphrey asked that agenda items E, F & G be postponed until a later date after a visit from TXDOT. Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to postpone agenda item’ s E, F & G until a later date, Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

- F. Consider and take possible action to approve the quote from Avlite for Solar Runway Lights for the Airport.** Postponed, see agenda item E.

G. Consider and take possible action to approve quote from Little Manufacturing for Dirt work, Chip Seal Asphalt, Concrete, Sitework, Sealing and Striping runway at the Airport. Postponed, see agenda item E.

H. Consider and take possible action to approve the Nonfinancial Cooperative Agreement with Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the Nonfinancial Cooperative Agreement with Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

I. Consider and take possible action to allow Andrew and Josette Woodcox to park their RV on their land at 902 State St., Winters, TX until October 15, 2023.

Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the request to allow Andrew and Josette Woodcox to park their RV at 902 State St, Winters, TX until October 15, 2023. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez seconded the motion. After discussion the motion did not carry. Ayes 1, Noes 3.

J. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

(a) Pending or contemplated litigation regarding Residence at Winters.

The Council went into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

K. Reconvene in open session. The Council reconvened in open session at 7:12 p.m.


L. Consider and take possible action regarding Executive Session if applicable. No discussion.

Agenda Item 8. Adjourn. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alderman Mike Neal seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Noes 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mark Burkhart, Mayor



Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary

