

**CITY OF WINTERS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 S Main, Winters, Texas**

**\* NOTE: D/A on this agenda stands for Discussion/Action  
Minutes of Meeting of the Mayor and City Council for the City of Winters.**

**Call meeting to order 6:00 p.m.  
Quorum check.**

**Present: Mayor Lisa Yates  
Alderman Clayton Woffenden  
City Attorney Ken Slimp  
Alderwoman Sandee Schneider  
Alderwoman Ursula Estrada  
Alderman Stephen Joeris  
Alderman Mark Burkhart**

**Prayer: Mayor Lisa Yates**

**Agenda Item # 1: Community input.**

Linda Huckaby voiced concerns regarding the ceiling of the activity center and questioned when repairs would take place, stating that there have been squirrels in there again.

**Agenda Item # 2: D/A for signature on the Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 pertaining to the Winters Housing Authority from Ms. Rhonda Cook.**

Ms. Rhonda Cook nor alternate representative for the Winters Housing Authority were present. Agenda item # 2 was tabled.

**Agenda Item # 3: D/A for signature on the Environmental Assessment: Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58 pertaining to the Winters Housing Authority from Ms. Rhonda Cook.**

Ms. Rhonda Cook nor alternate representative for the Winters Housing Authority were present. Agenda item # 3 was tabled.

**Agenda Item # 4: D/A for signature on the Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Exempt or Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5, Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.34(a) and 58.35(b) pertaining to the Winters Housing Authority from Ms. Rhonda Cook.**

Ms. Rhonda Cook nor alternate representative for the Winters Housing Authority were present. Agenda item # 4 was tabled.

**Agenda Item # 5: D/A on becoming a full-time employee/future availability as IT provider for city from Chris Holloway.**

Mr. Holloway states he has worked with the city for fourteen years, building and maintaining current IT (Information Technology) as a contract employee and proposes to become a full-time, in house employee. He is asking for \$36,000.00/yr. He also states that the city has been out of compliance for a few years and when asked if he has reported this, he stated he had to previous City Secretary. Mr. Holloway contends that he would be able to apply for grants for upgrades and could better serve the city if hired on a full-time basis, especially as the world is more dependent on computers and technology due to COVID-19. Mayor Lisa Yates stated the city will operate out of a place of education and planning and not a place of fear and will look at this further as the city begins budget talks in the near future.

**Agenda Item # 6: D/A on opening a checking account exclusively for deposits of reimbursement funds from US Customs and Border Protection.**

Alderwoman Sandee Schneider made a motion to open a checking account exclusively for deposits of reimbursement funds from US Customs and Border Protection, requiring 2 signatures; with approved signatories being: Accounts Payable, Sharon Miller; Acting City Secretary, Sheila Lincoln; Mayor Lisa Yates

and Chief of Police, Paula Geyer. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 7: D/A on moving the council meeting for May to May 24<sup>th</sup>, as the last Monday in May will be the 31<sup>st</sup>, which is Memorial Day.**

Alderman Clayton Woffenden made a motion to move next month's Council meeting to May 24, 2021. Alderman Mark Burkhart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 8: Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.074**

Mayor Lisa Yates, Mayor Pro-Tem Clayton Woffenden, City Attorney Ken Slimp, Alderwoman Sandee Schneider, Alderman Mark Burkhart, Alderwoman Ursula Estrada, and Alderman Stephen Joeris went into executive session at 6:23p.m.

A. (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer; Judge Cheryl Howerton.

**Agenda Item # 9: Reconvene to open session.**

Council reconvened from executive session at 6:29 p.m.

**Agenda Item # 10: D/A concerning executive session regarding Judge Cheryl Howerton.**

Alderman Clayton Woffenden made the motion to accept the resignation of Judge Cheryl Howerton. Alderman Stephen Joeris seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Agenda Item # 11: Monthly Reports**

**A. City Hall Monthly Report.** Reported the city has received a bid for repair of the Senior Activity Center and the window at the community center.

**B. Street Department Monthly Report.** Street supervisor, David Lara states

that the front-end loader is back and is running with no problems at present.  
His department is preparing for sealcoating of the streets.

- C. **Chief of Police Monthly Report.** No Questions
- D. **Municipal Judge Monthly Report.** No Questions

**Agenda Item # 12: Consent Items:**

**A. Approval of Bills.**

Aldерwoman Sandee Schneider made a motion to approve and pay bills. Alderman Mark Burkhart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**B. Approval of Minutes.**

Aldерwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 29,2021 council meeting. Aldерwoman Sandee Schneider seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

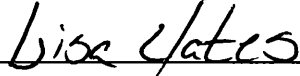
**Agenda Item # 13: Adjourn meeting.**

Alderman Mark Burkhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.  
Aldерwoman Sandee Schneider seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Attest:

  
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Acting City Secretary, Sheila Lincoln

  
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Mayor, Lisa Yates

# Council Meeting Sign In

Date 4/26/2021

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