



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

January 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

**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 Alderwoman Ursula Estrada Alderwoman Zan Jamieson**

**Absent: Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez and Alderman Mike Neal**

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

**Prayer was led by Alderwoman Zan Jamieson.**

**Agenda Item 1. Community Input. N/A.**

**2. Approval of Minutes** from December 19,2022 Alderwoman Zan Jamieson made a motion to approve the minutes from December 19, 2022. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**3. Department Reports:**

\*City Secretary: Sheila Lincoln

- a. Monthly Atmos Energy Rider GCR for December, no discussion.
- b. Atmos Energy Letter regarding the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 & DOT regulations, no discussion.
- c. Proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott's office declaring and renewing state of disaster based on existence of serious drought conditions, no discussion.
- d. Proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott's office regarding imminent threat due to wildfires, no discussion.
- e. Runnels Central Appraisal District will certify the appraisal roll on Friday, June 23,2023, no discussion.

\* Water Department: Supervisor, Michael Blackshear

- A. Water Usage, no discussion.
- B. Sewer Status, no discussion.
- C. Projects, New/ Ongoing, nothing new. No discussion.

\*Street Department: Supervisor, David Lara

- A. Projects, no discussion.

\*Police Department: Chief Paula Geyer

- A. Statistics, no discussion.

\*Code Enforcement: Bobby Sanders

- A. Animal Control, reported stats, no discussion.
- B. Citation Statistics, reported stats, no discussion.

\*City Judge: Richard Humphrey

A. Citation Statistics. Judge Humphrey stated that he is still waiting for the final audit from the State Comptroller's office and that the citations are still coming in.

\*Airport Manager: Richard Humphrey

- A. Projects. N/A.
- B. Events, Mr. Humphrey states the lights are still out on the west side of the airport.

**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. Financial Statement. No discussion.**

#### **6. Council's Report:**

- A. Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting. Alderman Jimmy Butler stated he would like the council to work on setting a mission, vision and goal setting for the city. Alderwoman Zan Jamieson and Alderwoman Ursula Estrada both agreed.

#### **7. Old Business: N/A**

#### **8. New Business:**

- A. Consider and take possible action to renew **contract/services with Republic Services**
  - a. Joe Spano – Discussion regarding rate increases

Joe Spano with Republic Services asked the city to consider renewing the contract between the city of Winters and Republic Services early. It is set to expire in 2024 but proposes if the city renewed now he would freeze the city's rate at 3 ½ percent for the next year. Mayor Mark Burkhart asked about the Sewer Plant sludge haul and disposal, Joe Spano stated that this is a service they provide but is billed separately. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to approve renewing services with Republic Services early. Alderwoman Zan Jamieson seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**B. Consider and take possible action regarding the contract between the City of Winters and the Winters Public Library**

Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the contract between the city of Winters and the Winters Public Library. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**C. Consider and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-02, Article 4.09 Regulating Game Rooms**

Paula Geyer stated there are currently no gaming ordinances for the city, this ordinance would provide guidance for requests concerning game rooms. Ken Slimp stated that on page 7 C mentions a city manager, that wording should be changed as the city does not have a city manager and the application should include LLC's. Alderwoman Zan Jamieson made a motion to approve the ordinance with changes as Mr. Slimp stated. Alderman Jimmy Butler seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**D. Consider and take possible action on the Understanding of Service Agreement for upcoming Annual Audit from Merritt, McLane & Hamby, P.C.**

Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the Understanding of Service Agreement for the upcoming annual audit from Merritt, McLane & Hamby, P.C. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. No discussion. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**E. Consider and take possible action the lease agreement with American Leasing for a 2023 K9 Tahoe**

**a. For the Winters Police Department**

Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the lease agreement with American Leasing for a 2023 K9 Tahoe. Alderwoman Zan Jamieson seconded the motion opening the floor for discussion. Chief Geyer states that it is in her budget if option B or C were chosen. There would be no down payment. If approved and the vehicle was ordered today they would not even receive it approximately until the end of summer this year. She explained that current K9 vehicle has been in the shop several times this year and she has already spent thousands and it is back in the shop. Alderwoman Zan Jamieson made a motion to approve the lease agreement with American Leasing, option C. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**F. Consider and take possible action on the estimate of \$30,535.00 from MVA for repairs on the City of Winters Water Plant**

a. Funds to be taken from the ARP account.

Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the quote from MVA for repairs on the city of Winters Water Plant with monies coming from the ARP account. Alderwoman Zan Jamieson seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**G. Consider and take possible action on the estimate from Big Country Water Services in the amount of \$27,678.00**

a. Turbine replacement for the sewer farm

Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to approve the estimate from Big Country Water Services for Turbine replacement for the sewer farm. Alderman Jimmy Butler seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**H. D/A to make Mark Burkhart an additional signatory on the Accounts Payable checking account at Security State Bank for the city of Winters.**

Alderwoman Zan Jamieson made a motion to add Mayor Mark Burkhart as a signatory on the Accounts Payable account. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

**9. Calendar/Next Meeting Date:** February 27,2023


Council requested a meeting February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p. m. to discuss possible revisions on recently adopted Tax Abatement Policy and Guidelines.

**10. Adjournment.** Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alderwoman Zan Jamieson seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Ayes 3, Noes 0.

  
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Mark Burkhart, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary



