

CITY OF WINTERS
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 S Main, Winters, Texas

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

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

Quorum check.

Present: Mayor Mark Burkhart

Attorney Kenneth Slimp

Alderman Clayton Woffenden

Alderman Elmer Buckelew

Alderwoman Ursula Estrada

Alderwoman Carolyn DeNigro

Alderwoman Sandee Schneider

Prayer. Acting City Secretary Sheila Lincoln

Agenda Item # 1: Community input. There was no input from the community.

Agenda Item # 2: D/A in consideration of the appointment of Carolyn DeNigro for vacant council seat # 5.

Alderman Clayton Woffenden made a motion to appoint Carolyn DeNigro for vacant council seat # 5. Alderman Elmer Buckelew seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion Carried. Mayor Mark Burkhart administered the Oath of Office and swore in Ms. DeNigro.

Agenda Item # 3: D/A for the approval of City Ordinance No. 2022-01 regarding Recreational Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles Parks Ordinance.

In discussion regarding the RV Ordinance, Alderman Elmer Buckelew asked if existing RV Park on E. Dale would be cleaned up, to which Chief Paula Geyer stated that the cleaning issue had been addressed with owner recently. Chief Geyer asked if existing RVs which have been lived in for many years and are well maintained would be grandfathered in or if they too would need to be removed within the time limits of the ordinance. Alderwoman Sandee Schneider referenced Section 6 of the ordinance on that matter. Attorney Ken Slimp stated that grandfathering should be considered on a case-by-case basis. Alderwoman Sandee Schneider made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-01 regarding recreational vehicles and recreational vehicles parks ordinance. Alderman Elmer Buckelew seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 4. D/A for approval of the transfer of shredder/mulcher from the city of Winters Street Department to Runnels County Precinct 4.

Per a phone conversation with Todd Powell of the Department of Agriculture, Community Programs Department and Acting Area Supervisor, the shredder/mulcher belonging to the street department is not showing on his books as the value has depreciated and can be gifted. Alderman Elmer Buckelew made a motion to approve the transfer of the shredder/mulcher from the city of Winters Street Department to Runnels County Precinct 4. Alderman Clayton Woffenden seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. D/A for the approval and adoption of Resolution 2022-01 regarding a grant for an in-car camera upgrade for the WPD.

In discussion regarding the approval and adoption of Resolution 2022-01, Alderwoman Sandee Schneider asked if grant cover's all police vehicles to which Chief Geyer answered yes. She explained that current in-car video systems have developed technical problems and are outdated. She explained further that there are no match grant funds and if there is a difference in the \$71,000 provided by the grant and total cost that the money would come from her current budget. Alderman Elmer Buckelew asked if all vehicles are currently running without cameras to which Chief Geyer answered "no". Chief Geyer added that each officer wears a body cam which covers the safety issue, and that in-car cameras are used more for prosecution for DWIs, pursuits, etc. and are evidentiary. Alderwoman Sandee Schneider made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-01 regarding the grant for an in-car camera upgrade for the WPD. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 6. D/A on renting the house belonging to the city of Winters located at 108 E. Broadway, to active city employees.

In discussion regarding rental of the house belonging to the city of Winters located at 108 E. Broadway to active city employees. Attorney Ken Slimp stated there would need to be a lease agreement with terms and conditions and to see if renting the house below fair market value would be considered income to the employee. Alderman Clayton Woffenden made a motion to rent the house belonging to the city of Winters located at 108 E. Broadway to active city employees. Alderman Elmer Buckelew seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 7. D/A on approval of estimate from Elite Custom Boat Docks for repair of floor on crappie dock at Elm Creek Reservoir.

Michael Blackshear explained that current estimate of repair differed from the previous estimate approval for repair. Previously approved was the re-anchoring and repair after a storm broke the attachments from the anchors of the crappie dock; current repair is for the dock decking which was not included in previous estimate. Alderman Clayton Woffenden made a motion to approve the estimate from Elite Custom Boat Docks for the repair of the floor on the crappie dock, option two, in the amount of \$10,261.00. Alderwoman Sandee Schneider seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 8. Executive Session Texas Government Code 551.074

- A. Evaluation and duties of employee, Michael Blackshear.

Mayor Burkhart called council into executive session at 6:24 p.m. regarding the evaluation and duties of employee, Michael Blackshear.

Agenda Item # 9. Executive Session Under the Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney:

- A. Pending or contemplated litigation.

Agenda Item # 10. Reconvene in open session.

Council reconvened in open session at 6:43 p.m.

Agenda Item # 11. D/A on executive session items.

On agenda item 8 (a), Alderman Clayton Woffenden made a motion to promote Michael Blackshear to water department supervisor with a pay increase to \$17.50/hour, effective immediately. Alderman Elmer Buckelew seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

On agenda item 9 (a), Alderwoman Sandee Schneider made a motion to engage services of attorney to pursue legal action against Residence At Winters for delinquent water bills. Alderman Elmer Buckelew seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 12. Monthly Reports: For January 2022

- A. **City Hall Monthly Report.** - Acting City Secretary, Sheila Lincoln and/or Accounts Payable Clerk, Sharon Miller: -- Acting City Secretary, Sheila Lincoln shared the selection of Appraisal District Directors for the years of 2022-2023 term as voted on in October, 2021.
- B. **Street Department Monthly Report-** Street Department Supervisor, David Lara: N/A
- C. **Animal Control/Code Enforcement Monthly Report-** Johnny Foster: CEO/ACO stated he has read up on previous council minutes concerning seats for the Zoning Board. He states that the five seats are mayor nominated, council approved. Seats are two year terms with seats 2 & 4 ending June 30th of even years and seats 1, 3 & 5 ending June 30th of odd years. According to council minutes and zoning board time frames, currently there is no acting board. He stated further that the council serves as the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Foster stated that there had been several donations of dog food for the shelter.
- D. **Chief of Police Monthly Report-** Chief Geyer: Chief Geyer stated that she has added an additional K9 unit and that the cost was covered by seizure monies and did not come out of her budget. She states further that the 2013 vehicle is still going but may look at replacing in the future.

- E. **Water Works Monthly Report-** Michael Blackshear: Mr. Blackshear stated he has a wastewater inspection with TCEQ this morning and did have several findings relating to paperwork. He noted that the sewer line has been replaced on Circle Dr. and that there have been no complaints as of yet.
- F. **Municipal Judge Monthly Report-** Judge R. Humphrey: Not present.

Agenda Item # 13. Consent Items:

A. Approval of Bills.

Aldерwoman Sandee Schneider made a motion to pay the bills. Alderman Clayton Woffenden seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from December 20,2021 & January 21,2022-Special Meeting.

Alderman Elmer Buckelew made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20,2021 and January 21, 2022. Aldерwoman Carolyn DeNigro seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 14. Adjourn meeting.

Aldерwoman Carolyn DeNigro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Clayton Woffenden seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:



Acting City Secretary
Sheila Lincoln



Mayor, Mark Burkhart

Council Meeting Sign In

Date 2/15/2022

Name	Contact Information
Sharon Miller	
John Foster	CEO
Richard & Carolyn DeNigro	
Sandra Hunkley	
Michelle B.	
Dan H.	
Ralph W. Wettenburg	