



CITY OF WINTERS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 20, 2023 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 S Main, Winters, Texas

Call meeting to order and establish a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. and a Quorum was established. In attendance were Mark Burkhart, Mayor, Alderman Jimmy Butler, Alderman Mike Neal and Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez.

Not in attendance were Alderwoman Ursula Estrada, Alderwoman Zan Jamieson and City Attorney Ken Slimp.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance- US and Texas Flag.

1. Budget workshop. Mr. Charles Grenwelge spoke to the council asking if something could be done to his alley to stating that it has been an ongoing issue, he cannot mow or hoe due to the rock and he asked David Lara to fix it but was told that “it was not his job”. Mr. Grenwelge stated that he could use the maintainer and fix it himself. Mr. Neal stated that he had spoken with e-HT regarding the sewer project going on in that neighborhood and was told they (JM Pipeline) were not finished with the project and hopefully this issue would be resolved when the project was completed. Mr. Butler added that it would be best to let the project complete and go from there and that it would be a liability for the city to let non-employees use the city’s equipment.

Alderman Jimmy Butler went over the revenues for the General Fund and Waterworks Departments stating that is where the bulk of the revenue comes from. He stated that water sales are fifty-nine (59) percent of our revenue with property taxes at twenty-seven (27) percent with city sales tax and sewer sales being about the same amount. He states that the city of Winters are about average in water sales based on population with the city’s sewer rates being some of the lowest in the same survey.

Mr. Butler states that sales tax revenue has been above \$300,000 the last two years and does not see why that amount would not be met this year as well.

Expenditures—Mr. Butler explained that expenditures are approved at a departmental level which include salaries, etc.

The council discussed the city implementing a pay scale for employees, this would keep salaries equal to the responsibility. The city has previously paid a percentage across the board.

2. Consider and take possible action regarding roof RFP. Alderman Mike Neal stated that the city got some estimates for repairing the roof at City Hall, but the estimates were not apples to apples, he would like to come up with an RFP to get more competitive proposals that are similar in the service to be done. Mr. Neal stated he just wanted to present the RFP as a guideline to the council to see

what they thought about it before it was presented to the city secretary to be advertised.

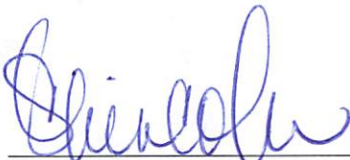
3. Continued discussion regarding Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting. Alderman Mike Neal stated that in his opinion this should be included in every workshop. He stated he thinks Code Red, a mass communication system would be a good system to possibly look at for the city. Mr. Neal asked if the city's website is real-time, Ms. Lincoln replied that the city employs someone to maintain the website so it is not real time but is timely. Mr. Neal also inquired about the status of the council getting laptops or tablets for meetings. Ms. Lincoln stated that it is an agenda item on the upcoming regular meeting.

Alderman Mike Neal asked if there was an ordinance for Air B & B hotel occupancy tax, there is not currently one.

Alderman Ida Rodriguez stated she was thinking about the economic development of the city and the community events that are lacking and would like to see the city targeting low revenue months to focus on activity or community events. The council discussed ideas for bringing activities to the community.

4. Executive Session Texas Government Code 551.074
 - 1) Personnel matters, job descriptions and evaluation instruments.
 - 2) Discussion in consideration of hiring a part-time, temporary employee for the Water Works Department.
5. Reconvene in open session. The council reconvened in open session at 4:07 p.m.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Executive Session. No discussion.
7. Adjourn meeting. Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to adjourn meeting, Alderman Ida Rodriguez seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary





Mark Burkhart, Mayor