



**City of Winters
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, TX.
Monday, July 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

*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 Ken Slimp
Alderman Carolyn DeNigro
Alderman Ursula Estrada
Alderman Elmer Buckelew

Absent: Alderman Clayton Woffenden

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Agenda Item # 1. Hold Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed Illustrative Plans or alternate plans for redistricting.

Mayor Burkhart opened the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Illustrative Plans or any alternative plans for redistricting, however, there were none presented as there were no persons from the community in attendance.

Agenda Item # 2. Close Public Hearing. Mayor Burkhart closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Item # 3. Open Special Council Meeting on redistricting for the City of Winters' single-member city council districts.

Mayor Burkhart opened the Special Council Meeting on redistricting for the City of Winters single-member city council districts at 6:01.

Agenda Item # 4. Discussion of draft plan by the City Council and any amendments, if necessary, to finalize the draft plan for future adoption.

Mr. Gunnar Seaquist with Bickerstaff Firm out of Austin, addressed Council stating that he is here tonight to hold the Public Hearing and to try and get the redistricting process discussed and complete after the 2020 Census. Making sure the total deviation for the single-member council districts are no more than ten percent of the total population. Reminding council, the way to look at that is to divide the districts into equal numbers gives the ideal population then compare actual census numbers per district and figure if each district is above or below then take the difference from the current district that is most above that norm and the one that is most below and that gives us the overall deviation. Currently with the 2020 Census, District 1 is the lowest with 12.37 percent below and District 5 is the highest at 16.13 percent above; the difference in those, considering the positive and the negative gives you an overall yield of 28.51 percent deviation which is why the city of Winters must go through the process to get the total deviation below ten percent. Mr. Seaquist referred to Draft Plan A, showing a total deviation of 4.65 percent which is below the Federal Law standards of 10 percent. In terms of demographic populations, the districts maintain the same general breakdowns shown in the 2020 Census. Mr. Seaquist states if council is happy with Draft Plan A they could recommend it as it is compliant and if not, changes could be made. Mayor Burkhart addressed council asking if there were any changes they wanted to look at, Alderman Elmer Buckelew stated that he favored Draft Plan A. No other members spoke otherwise.

Agenda Item # 5. Consider and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-03 redistricting plan for the City of Winters' single-member city council districts.

Alderman Elmer Buckelew made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-03 redistricting Plan A for the city of Winters single-member city council districts. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

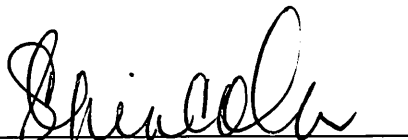
Agenda Item # 6. Executive Session: In the event of Council request, the Council may go into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 to receive advice from counsel regarding the City's redistricting. N/A

Agenda Item # 7. Reconvene from Executive Session, if applicable. N/A

Agenda Item # 8. Adjourn meeting.

Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Elmer Buckelew seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Attest:



Acting City Secretary
Sheila Lincoln



Mayor, Mark Burkhart



