



CITY OF WINTERS, TEXAS
310 S. MAIN ST. WINTERS, TX
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order. Mayor Chris Bahlman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Chris Bahlman, City Attorney Ken Slimp, Alderman Jimmy Butler, Alderwoman Ursula Estrada, Alderman Wesley Hagle and Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. Not in attendance was Alderman Mike Neal.

Pledge of Allegiance -US and Texas Flag

Agenda Item 1. Community Input.

Mr. Mark Burkhart addressed the council stating that he is opposed to Agenda Item F. the possible purchase of property at 500 S. Main, stating that it does not make sense for the city to spend the money on a new building for city offices.

Ms. Linda Huckaby stated her position is still the same and she too objects to the purchase of the building at 500 S. Main.

Ms. Joyce Knight stated that she has called regarding the pavement that is up and in the driveway on Murray but nothing has been done. She would appreciate it being taken care of.

Ms. Sandee Schneider stated that she too agrees with Mr. Burkhart and Ms. Huckaby and does not agree with the possible purchase of the building at 500 S. Main but to invest money into the building we currently have.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes from April 29,2024. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes from April 29,2024, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. All in favor motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Agenda Item 3. Department Reports:

- **City Administrator: Nate Smith**

- A. City Administrator Report. Mr. Smith reported that the roofers had come last week and repaired the roof. He reported that work continues on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Smith informed the Council that he had a meeting with the Pony Creek Trust regarding a drainage easement for the Circle Drive area and would be setting up a meeting with engineer, Sage Diller of eHT to answer questions.
 - B. Sales Tax graphics. Receipts for the month of May were \$42,276.67, 30.47 percent more than the previous year. For the calendar year the city is 4.41 percent ahead of the previous year.
- **City Secretary: Sheila Lincoln**
 - A. Atmos Rider GCR -Rate Filing. No discussion.
 - B. State St. RV Park. Ms. Lincoln stated that it had recently come to the attention of City Hall that the RV Park on State St. did not belong to the city but rather to the county per Minutes from June 28,2004.
 - C. CD Rates & Maturity. Ms. Lincoln informed the Council that three of the city's CD's had matured and had been rolled into a six-month CD with a 4.6 percent interest rate; previously these were three-month CD's with an interest rate of 1.5 percent. This was done per discussions with Victory Bank Officials and City Administrator Nate Smith and Alderman Jimmy Butler.
 - D. 2024 Certified Estimate of Taxable Value. Ms. Lincoln stated that the Certified Estimated Taxable Value is \$103,208,585. compared to last years Certified Estimate of Taxable Value of \$89,773,349.
- **Water Department: Supervisor, Michael Blackshear. Not present.**
 - A. Water Usage- Water Usage & Lake Report. Ms. Lincoln reported that with the recent rains the lake levels were up from 21' to 26' 7".
 - B. Sewer Status.
 - C. Projects, New/ Ongoing. The swimming pool has been drained for cleaning in preparation for the Memorial Day weekend opening.
- **Street Department: Supervisor, David Lara**
 - A. Projects. Mr. Lara stated that he does not currently have any projects going on but is preparing to seal coat in August or September.
- **Police Department: Chief Paula Geyer.**
 - A. Statistics- Report attached.
 - B. STEP Presentation- Click It or Ticket. Chief Geyer stated that the PD would be working the traffic stops according to the map for Zone 1.
- **Code Enforcement: Bobby Sanders.**
 - A. Animal Control. Mr. Sanders stated there were five (5) dogs at large and no other animals for the month.
 - B. Citation Statistics. On the CE side there were twenty-two (22) prohibited conditions, one (1) junked vehicle and three (3) citations.
- **City Judge: Greg Nichols.**
 - A. Citation Statistics. Mr. Nichols stated there are thirty-five (35) new violations and seventeen (17) completed citations with \$1521 going to the city and \$1289 to the

state. Mr. Nichols stated that he has caught up the OCA reports. Files from 2004-2008 have been destroyed.

- **Airport Manager: Richard Humphrey**

- A. Projects. Mr. Humphrey stated they are waiting on contractor for paint and for TXDOT approved work.
- B. Events.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of Bills. Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Agenda Item 5. Council's Report:

- A. Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting. No discussion.

Agenda Item 6. Old Business: N/A.

Agenda Item 7. New Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve pavement work at Winters Municipal Airport by Little Manufacturing for \$94,203.60.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve pavement work at the Airport by Little Manufacturing in the amount of \$94,203.60 seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve service quote for Time Clock Plus software.** Mr. Smith addressed the Council regarding the software for Time Clock Plus for city employees, explaining that employees would be able to clock in via computer or cell phone. The software is compatible with current payroll software and does have geofencing. Time Clock Plus provides a 36-month service agreement with an up-front payment of \$3,843.75 and an annual payment of \$1,312.50 for up to 25 employees. Mr. Smith recommends approval. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion to approve the service quote for Time Clock Plus, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
- C. Discussion and possible action to vote for the Z.I. Hale Museum Board of Directors.**
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve the Certificate of Appointment of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Winters.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Winters, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.
Commissioners are:
Phillip Esquivel, Chairman
Jerry Jackson
Melisa Bahlman
Joyce Knight
Erika Hoelscher
- E. Discussion and possible action on vendor fair at Dove Fest.** Mr. Smith stated that the Dove Fest Organizing Committee has requested the use of the Ted Meyer Park

for a vendor fair during Dove Fest and are asking that permit fees be waived for a one-time event. Mr. Smith recommends approval for this event only. Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to waive vendor fees for the Dove Fest one-time vendor event, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

F. Discussion and possible action on continuing with purchase of property at 500 S. Main Street. After discussion, no action was taken.

G. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2024-13, a resolution amending the Tax Abatement Policies of the City of Winters. Mr. Smith asked the Council to revise the current Tax Abatement Policy to raise the five (5) years to ten (10) years to be more competitive with surrounding towns for growth as the City currently has no incentives to offer. He is not asking for ten (10) year abatements on every abatement. Alderman Jimmy Butler stated that he is not opposed to policy but how it is applied; not creating jobs hurts our city. Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

H. Executive Session, Texas Government Code

- **Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, Pending or contemplated litigation.**

The Council went into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

I. Reconvene in Open Session. Reconvene in open session at 7:03 p.m.

J. Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session.
No discussion.

Agenda Item # 8. Adjourn. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4. Noes 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chris Bahlman, Mayor

Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary