



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

September 30, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order. Mayor Bahlman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Bahlman, City Attorney Ken Slimp, Alderman Jimmy Butler, Alderman Mike Neal, Alderwoman Ursula Estrada, Alderman Wesley Hagle and Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez who arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance -US and Texas Flag

Agenda Item 1. Community Input. Mr. Mark Conrad and Ms. Christy Price with the Boy Scouts of America were in attendance and asked if the city might have a building that could be used for meetings. Currently they are meeting at the school but that will be ending soon. Chief Geyer stated that years ago the Boy Scout Hut on Main was used for meetings, but the building is currently in poor condition.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2024, and September 3, 2024. Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26th and September 3rd; seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0.

Agenda Item 3. Department Reports:

- **City Administrator: Nate Smith**

- A. City Administrator Report. Mr. Smith stated that the city changed to a pooled cash form of accounting still in the Incode software. He also stated that he has a lot of work to get the 23-24 FY budget in balance before closing the year in our books. Mr. Smith informed the Council that he had drafted a letter for the mayor addressed to TxDOT requesting a traffic study at the crosswalk on Novice Road between the Winters ISD football stadium and the school parking lot due to some safety concerns. It was also stated that a team from TCEQ will be here on October 15 for a requested performance evaluation of the water plant, this is to see what needs to be improved.

- B. Sales Tax graphics. Sales tax receipts for the month of August were \$26,993.83 which is 8.73 percent more than the previous year's receipts of \$24,824.78. For the calendar year we are 10.81 percent ahead of the previous year and for the fiscal year we collected \$379,495.63 or 109 percent of what was budgeted.
- **City Secretary: Sheila Lincoln**
 - A. Atmos Annual Gas Cost Rec. Filing, June 30,2024. Information Only.
 - B. City Hall Report. No discussion.
 - C. AC Feeds Sale. Ms. Lincoln informed the council that Mr. Langemeier has informed City Hall that he would not be purchasing the portion of Pierce St. in the amount of \$4,252.02 as passed by the Council in June 2023 as they have been unable to sell their properties in Winters due to the market being too soft. No discussion.
- **Water Department: Supervisor, Michael Blackshear.** Not present.
 - A. Water Usage
 - B. Sewer Status
 - C. Projects, New/ Ongoing. Mr. Smith informed the Council that the 2 remaining high-service pumps at the plant and 1 raw water pump at the lake are underway. Also, the lake keeper's last day would be October 6.
- **Street Department: Supervisor, David Lara.** Not present.
 - A. Projects. N/A.
- **Police Department: Chief Paula Geyer.**
 - A. Statistics- Report attached. No discussion.
- **Code Enforcement: Bobby Sanders.**
 - A. Animal Control. Mr. Sanders reported that he had 5 dog calls, 11 cat calls and 1 incident report for the month. For the fiscal year, he had seventy-six dog calls, forty-three cat calls, 5 racoons, 7 skunks, thirty-three incident reports, 5 dog bites and thirty-five euthanasia.
 - B. Citation Statistics. On the code side Mr. Sanders had 1 abatement and 1 demo.
- **City Judge: Greg Nichols.**
 - A. Citation Statistics. Mr. Nichols stated there were thirty-six new cases for the month, twenty-seven completed. The city kept \$2255 with \$ 2153. going to the state. Mr. Nichols also stated that he would be headed to Waco to attend the Fines & Fees Conference.
- **Airport Manager: Richard Humphrey.** Not present.
 - A. Projects.
 - 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 5, Noes 0.

Agenda Item 5. Council Report:

- A. Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting. N/A.

Agenda Item 6. Old Business: N/A.

Agenda Item 7. New Business:

- A. Presentation and possible action on the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report from Eckert and Company, LLP.** Megan Solsbery with Eckert and Company presented the audit to the Council. She stated that she was not sure what happened with the bank recs and why they were not timely, she also noted that some of the old due to/due transactions were cleaned up. The city needs to amend before they spend, the Gen Fund, Court, Activity Center and Swimming pool were all over budget. Other findings were that previous auditors' entries were not made and did the city a disservice. Megan stated that she enjoyed working with the staff.
Alderman Mike Neal made the motion to accept the audit as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- B. Presentation of Service Award to Chief Paula Geyer for 15 years of service.**
Mayor Bahlman presented the Service Award to Chief Paula Geyer for 15 years of service.
- C. Discussion and possible action on Dispatch Services Agreement with Runnels County.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to approve the Dispatch Services Agreement with Runnels County, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fire Fighting Contract Agreement with Runnels County.** Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Fire Fighting Contract Agreement with Runnels County, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve the Revised Sewer Line Easement Agreement between the City of Winters and the Winters Hotel Group, LLC, provided by Chris Shelton, Attorney for The Winters Hotel Group, LLC.**
Alderman Neal made a motion to pull this agenda item, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada, all in favor. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve the quote for the Hach Service Agreement.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the service agreement with Hach, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve Laserfiche Contract.** Alderman Mike Neal asked what happens to our records if Laserfiche goes under or we decide to part ways. Alderman Neal made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the answer to this question, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- H. Discussion and possible action on TML IRP Board of Trustees Election.** Nate Smith recommended to elect Randy Criswell from Place 11, Allison Heyward from Place 12, Harlan Jefferson from Place 13, and Mike Land from Place 14. Alderman Neal made a motion to elect the aforementioned, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- I. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2024-18, authorizing service provider selection for 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant**

Program – Community Development Fund Project (CDBG) through the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-18, seconded by Alderman Mike Neal. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

- J. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution Authorizing Application for Financial Assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; and Making Certain Findings in Connection Therewith.** Alderman Jimmy Butler made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Application for Financial Assistance from the TWDB and making certain findings in connection therewith, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. The roll call vote was as follows:

Alderman Jimmy Butler- Aye

Alderman Wesley Hagle- Aye

Alderman Mike Neal- Aye

Alderwoman Ida Rodrig

Alderwoman Ursula Estrada- Aye

All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

- K. Discussion and possible action regarding Change Order No. 2 from eHT.**

Alderman Wesley Hagle made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 from eHT, seconded by Alderman Jimmy Butler. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

- L. Discussion and possible action to appoint the following to the Tourism and Economic Development Committee: Doug Wheat, Kay O’Dell, Hunter Davis, Kathy Horner, and Donna Pritchard.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to appoint Doug Wheat, Kay O’Dell, Hunter Davis, Kathy Horner and Donna Pritchard to the Tourism and EDC, seconded by Alderwoman Ursula Estrada. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

- M. Discussion and possible action on moving the City Council meeting dates for November and December.** Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to move the November Council meeting from the 25th to the 18th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and to leave December’s meeting scheduled for the 30th, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0.

- N. Executive Session, Texas Government Code.** The Council went into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

a. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney – Request from Winters Hotel Group LLC.

b. Section 551.074 – Personnel – Michael Blackshear

c. Section 551.074 – Personnel – Billy Sherman

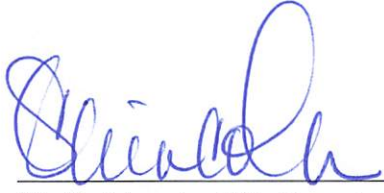
d. Section 551.074 – Personnel – Nate Smith

- O. Reconvene in Open Session.** The Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:48 p.m.

- P. Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session.**
No discussion.


Agenda Item 8. Adjourn. Alderwoman Ursula Estrada made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary





Chris Bahlman, Mayor