



**CITY OF WINTERS, TEXAS
310 S. MAIN ST. WINTERS, TX
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 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 Chris Bahlman, City Attorney Ken Slimp, Aldermen Mike Neal and Wesley Hagle and Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. Not in attendance were Alderman Jimmy Butler and Alderwoman Ursula Estrada.

Pledge of Allegiance -US and Texas Flag.


New Business

- 1. Discussion and possible action on change to organizational structure to add Public Works Director.** City Administrator Nate Smith stated that he has looked at ways to provide better delivery of the services the city provides to the community. He is proposing an organizational structure by adding a Public Works Director who would oversee both the Waterworks Department and the Street Department. He states he is proposing this change for better levels of accountability and efficiency and performance and that it be sooner rather than later. His thought is to put Bobby Sanders in that position and although Mr. Sanders does not currently hold a license for this position but is someone who knows how to lead and to look ahead and hold others accountable. This position would be on a ninety-day probationary period and he would still look after the Animal Control and Code Enforcement duties in the interim. Both current supervisors of waterworks and streets would report to the Public Works Director. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Sanders has asked if the position did not work out that he would go back to his position as Animal Control and Code Enforcement. Alderman Mike Neal asked if the council is being asked to approve the organizational chart or the chart and the person to fill the position. Mr. Smith's answer was the organizational chart and the creation of the position. Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to adopt the Organizational Chart with the Public Works position. Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 3. Noes 0.

2. **Executive Session: Texas Government Code 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney – Request from Winters Hotel Group LLC.** The mayor and council went into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.
3. **Reconvene in Open Session.** Reconvened in Open Session at 6:16 p.m.
4. **Discussion and possible action regarding item discussed in Executive Session.** Alderman Mike Neal made a motion to pay the Winters Hotel Group, LLC \$2,000 for a sewer line easement across their property, seconded by Alderman Hagle. All in favor, motion carried. Ayes 3, Noes 0.
Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez made a motion that the city reimburses the Winters Hotel Group, LLC \$60,000 for the movement of the sewer line to include the release, seconded by Alderman Wesley Hagle. Motion carried. Ayes 2. Noes 1.

Adjourn Meeting. Alderman Wesley Hagle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Ida Rodriguez. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Sheila Lincoln, City Secretary





Chris Bahlman, Mayor