

WINK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Eric Hawkins, Mayor

Council Members:

Kama Slaughter, Councilwoman, Place 1
Terry Snyder, Councilman Place 2
Casey Thames, Councilman, Place 3
LaDaryl Bates, Councilwoman, Place 4
Coby Purcell, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 5

City Staff:

Gina Funderburg, City Secretary
Jose Soltero, Police Chief
Josh Crawford, Police Officer
Richard Kyle, Water Superintendent
Hilda Crawford, Utility Clerk
Mariah Valdez, Court Clerk
Puja Boinpally, City Attorney

Guests:

Stormy Hawkins
Barbara Billiet
Milton Billiet
Minerva Soltero
Mark Flowers
Sarah Wilkinson
Tara Mulanax
Danny Barnett

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE

A QUORUM PRESENT:

(Agenda Item 1)

With a quorum of the Council members present, the regular meeting of the Wink City Council was called to order by Mayor Hawkins at 6:01 P.M. April 9, 2024, in the Wink City Council Meeting Room of the Wink City Hall, 303 East Hendricks Blvd., Wink, Texas.

INVOCATION:

(Agenda Item 2)

Mayor Pro Tem Purcell gave the invocation.

VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: At this time, any person with business before the Council, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting:

(Agenda Item 3)

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CITIZEN:

(Agenda Item 4)

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- *Ryan Fahey with Ameresco, Inc.*

This meeting was conducted via a Microsoft Teams meeting. Andy Ford, Are asking for a variance to the truck route, a battery storage facility is being built in the 100 blk of NE Twelfth St. by Ameresco, Inc. Heavy machinery equipment will be coming in and out of Twelfth St. His estimated time for completion is 8-12 weeks from start to finish. Main access is off CR 201 -> South on N. Pyote Ave.-> East on N. Twelfth St. If leaving the premises, West on Northeast 12th St.-> North on N. Pyote Ave.-> onto CR 201.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the request from Ameresco. Motion carried.
Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Terry Snyder
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS TAX COLLECTING SERVICES
PROVIDED BY LINEBARGER GOGGAN
BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP:**

(Agenda Item 5)

Mr. Mark Flowers, managing partner for the Odessa office of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson addressed the Council with what services his company provides to the City of Wink. The city assesses property taxes and Minerva Soltero, tax collector, collects those taxes on behalf of the city. Some property taxes in any given year become or can become delinquent at the end of January. If not paid by July 1st, they will be referred to a firm for payment and the City of Wink currently uses Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson to collect those delinquent taxes. At the present time, he advised the Council that the city has \$17,250.00 in delinquent taxes that have been referred to this company, and they start by issuing letters. If that fails to work, they prioritize which taxes that could require a lawsuit and in collaboration with Ms. Soltero and the City, that decision will be made, 39% are in lawsuits now. He gave a thumbnail sketch of the process of what they do for the City of Wink.

**PRESENTATION FROM PERDUE BRANDON
FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT LLP:**

(Agenda Item 6)

Tara Mulanax and Danny Barnett, partners with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott of the Odessa/San Angelo district, shared with the Council their presentation as to why the City should change over and use Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott as the tax collector firms.

They expressed concern with abandoned, vacated and/or dilapidated property within the city, in their opinion, the City would benefit from their services, because they could make a difference in the community.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS PRESENTATIONS:**

- *Water Superintendent Richard Kyle*
- *Police Department Reports-Chief Jody Soltero*

(Agenda Item 7)

Mr. Kyle and Chief Soltero presented to the Council the reports for their departments for the month of March 2024. No motion was required.

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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASING
A ROCK SCOOP FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT:**

(Agenda Item 8)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilman Snyder, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the request for a rock scoop for the water department in the amount of \$4,673.00. This will be a budget amendment. Motion carried.
Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Terry Snyder
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST
FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF POLICE
DEPARTMENT FLEET VEHICLES:**

(Agenda Item 9)

Presented to the council were four (4) vehicles to put up to bid. It was brought to the council's attention that the 2016 Chevy Tahoe was already sold to the Winkler County Sheriff's Office. The City Attorney, Puja Boinally expressed that the minutes needed to reflect that the removal of said vehicle be removed from the "request for bids" flyer prior to posting to the public.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Snyder and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the sale of the 2010 Crown Vic. Motion carried.
Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Terry Snyder
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST
FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF THE
WATER DEPARTMENT FLEET:**

(Agenda Item 10)

After the council meeting, the City Attorney, Puja Boinally was advised that the information on the request for bids was incorrect. The 2008 F-150 is a 2009 model. The "request for bids" was corrected prior to the posting to the public.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilwoman Bates, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the sale of the two (2) trucks listed. Motion carried.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Terry Snyder
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SALARY
INCREASE FOR THE LANDFILL GATE GUARDS:**

(Agenda Item 11)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Bates and seconded by Councilman Snyder, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the salary increase for the gate guard position. Currently, it is set at \$12.50 (twelve dollars and fifty cents) per hour, the new rate will be \$15.00. (fifteen dollars) Motion carried.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Terry Snyder
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INVESTMENT
REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2024:**

(Agenda Item 12)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilman Thames, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the quarterly investment report as presented. Motion carried

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Terry Snyder
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PLAYGROUND AND CITY HALL:

- *Landscaping for City Hall*
- *Installation of playground equipment*
- *Landscaping of the playground area*

The Council was brought to the attention by the office staff regarding the status of the city hall lawn. Ideas were given, whether it be turf, grass planting or just a zero-scape project.

The WLISD donated old playground equipment to the city, that was taken down with the new construction of the school. The council wants quotes on what it will cost to get that up and operational. Next agenda

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024:

- *Date and time*
- *City's contribution*

The date and time for the 2024 National Night Out will be August 9, 2024, starting at 6:00pm in the park area behind City Hall. The Council decided to move \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars) from the General Fund to the National Night Out account.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilman Snyder, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the date, time, and city's contribution as listed above. Motion carried.

Votes were as follows:

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"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"

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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER, IF ANY,
THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER
SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF WINK:**

(Agenda Item 15)

No action taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance
WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE,
551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS/EMPLOYEE SEPERATION:**

(Agenda Item 16)

8:09pm

**RECONVENE into Regular Session
and Consider Action, if Any, on Items
discussed in Executive Session:**

(Agenda Item 17)

8:35pm

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Snyder and seconded by Councilman Thames, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve hiring Mark Smith in the water department. Motion carried.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"

Kama Slaughter
Casey Thames
Terry Snyder
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Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Bates and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the request to hire a part time utility clerk. Motion carried.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"

Kama Slaughter
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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MINUTES
FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:**

- *March 5, 2024*

(Agenda Item 18)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilwoman Bates, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the above-mentioned minutes. Motion carried.
Votes were as follows:

"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"
"Aye"

Kama Slaughter
Casey Thames
Terry Snyder
LaDaryl Bates
Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PAYMENT
OF BILLS & BUDGET AMENDMENTS:(If any)**

(Agenda Item 19)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted five (5) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the payment of bills and budget amendments for line-item No.8. Motion carried.
Votes were as follows:

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DATE FOR THE
MAY 2024 REGULAR MEETING:**

- *May 7, 2024*

(Agenda Item 20)

ADJOURNMENT:

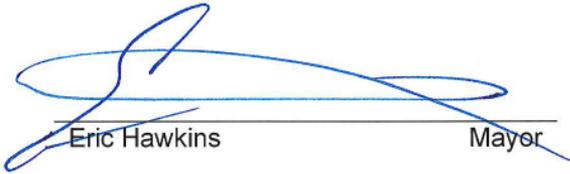
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(Agenda Item 21)

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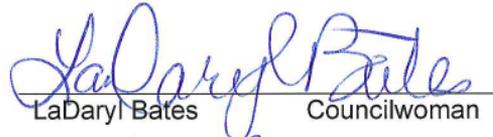
These minutes were approved by the Wink City Council on the 11th day of May 2024.

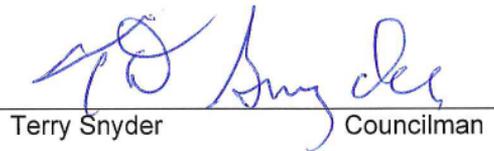
APPROVED:


Eric Hawkins Mayor


Casey Thames Councilman

Kama Slaughter Councilwoman


LaDaryl Bates Councilwoman


Terry Snyder Councilman


Coby Purcell Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Gina Funderburg, CITY SECRETARY

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