

WINK CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Eric Hawkins, Mayor

**Council Members:**

Kama Slaughter, Councilwoman  
Richard Shook, Councilman-ABSENT  
Casey Thames, Councilman  
LaDaryl Bates, Councilwoman  
Coby Purcell, Mayor Pro Tem

**City Staff:**

Gina Funderburg, City Secretary  
Jose Soltero, Police Chief  
Richard Kyle, Water Superintendent  
Hilda Crawford, Utility Clerk  
Cassandra Cheek, City Attorney

**Guests:**

Stormy Hawkins  
Barbara Billiet  
Milton Billiet  
Hwan Namgoong

**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 6:00 P.M. August 8, 2023, 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 DAWSON GEOPHYSICAL:**

(Agenda Item 4)

*Nicholas Mendoza, Permit Agent for Dawson Geophysical phoned in and put in a request to the Council for permission to conduct Geophysical Operations in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023 within city limits.*

*These operations will consist of the placement of small recording devices called "Geophones" near and along city streets and ROWs. These recording devices pick up sound waves deep below the surface and generate a 3D image of the subsurface, and will be seen around town for a few weeks. Large trucks called Vibroseis Trucks may drive down the city streets to create the "sonar" type sound waves to make*

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*this image recording possible. The vibroseis trucks will be escorted by law enforcement and monitoring equipment called Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) monitors will be utilized to ensure the equipment used is operating at safe levels to protect homes, businesses, and above/below-ground infrastructure.*

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Bates and seconded by Councilman Thames, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the request.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Absent"	Richard Shook
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENERGY  
RENEWAL PRESENTATION FROM  
SPARTAN ENERGY:**

**(Agenda Item 5)**

*Rhannon Knight, Energy Consultant for Spartan Energy, is a broker who can negotiate electricity prices on behalf of the city. At this time, the city is under a contract and that will not expire until 2028. At that time, the council will make the decision on whether to use Spartan Energy or someone else. No motion was made.*

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

**(Agenda Item 6)**

*Mayor Hawkins updated the Council with the progress of the USDA application. He signed a letter of intent in the amount of approximately \$2.8 million dollars for the water line project. The estimated date for starting the bidding process is March/ April 2024.*

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RADIO  
PROGRAMMING FOR THE CITY OF  
WINK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WINK VFD:**

**(Agenda Item 7)**

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the reprogramming of the radios in the amount up to and not to exceed \$2650.00.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Absent"	Richard Shook
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POLICE  
ACADEMY CADET PROGRAM:**

**(Agenda Item 8)**

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to allow Chief Soltero to open the cadet program to anyone who shows interest.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Absent"	Richard Shook
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT ACCOUNT:**

**(Agenda Item 9)**

*At a past meeting, the Council had approved opening an account with the Southwest Heritage Credit Union for National Night Out. After many emails and phone calls trying to get that set up and with little results, the office staff is requesting that the NNO account be transferred to WesTex Community Credit Union.*

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilman Thames, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to allow the office staff to move the NNO account from SWHCU to WesTex Community Credit Union.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Absent"	Richard Shook
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OFFICIAL  
DESIGNATION OF MINERVA SOLTERO  
WINKLER COUNTY TAX-ASSESSOR  
COLLECTOR AS THE INDIVIDUAL  
RESPONSIBLE FOR CALCULATING  
NO-NEW-REVENUE (EFFECTIVE) TAX  
RATE AND VOTER-APPROVAL (ROLLBACK) TAX RATE:**

**(Agenda Item 10)**

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to appoint Minerva Soltero as the official designation of the Winkler County Tax-Assessor collector and the individual responsible for calculating no-new-revenue tax rate and voter approval tax rate.

Votes were as follows:

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"Aye"  
"Aye"  
"Absent"  
"Aye"  
"Aye"

Kama Slaughter  
Casey Thames  
Richard Shook  
LaDaryl Bates  
Coby Purcell

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2023 FINAL  
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE:**

**(Agenda Item 11)**

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**DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET  
AND FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY'S  
OFFICE BY AUGUST 29, 2023:**

**(Agenda Item 12)**

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilwoman Bates, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to authorize Mayor Hawkins to file the proposed budget with the city secretary's office by August 29, 2023.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"  
"Aye"  
"Absent"  
"Aye"  
"Aye"

Kama Slaughter  
Casey Thames  
Richard Shook  
LaDaryl Bates  
Coby Purcell

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE  
BOOT ALLOTMENT FOR THE  
WATER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**(Agenda Item 13)**

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilwoman Bates, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to change the amount of the current boot allotment from \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) to be used once per calendar year.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"  
"Aye"  
"Absent"  
"Aye"  
"Aye"

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Motion carried.

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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUILDING  
PERMIT FEES REGARDING UPDATE TO H.B. 1922:**

(Agenda Item 14)

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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER  
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS PRESENTATIONS:**

(Agenda Item 15)

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

*Mr. Kyle and Chief Soltero, presented to the Council the reports for their departments for the month of July 2023.  
No motion was required.*

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

(Agenda Item 16)

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

(Agenda Item 17)

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

- *June 13, 2023*
- *July 10, 2023*

(Agenda Item 18)

**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilman Thames, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the above-mentioned minutes.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Aye"	Casey Thames
"Absent"	Richard Shook
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

Motion carried.

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

(Agenda Item 19)

**Motion:** Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell, and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the payment of bills and budget amendments as presented.

Votes were as follows:

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"Aye"  
"Aye"  
"Absent"  
"Aye"  
"Aye"

Kama Slaughter  
Casey Thames  
Richard Shook  
LaDaryl Bates  
Coby Purcell

Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DATE FOR THE  
OCTOBER 2023 REGULAR MEETING:**

(Agenda Item 20)

- October 3, 2023

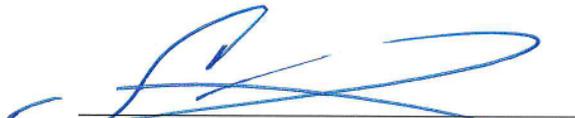
**ADJOURNMENT:**

(Agenda Item 21)

7:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Wink City Council on the 12th day of September 2023.

APPROVED:

  
Eric Hawkins Mayor

  
Casey Thames Councilman

  
Kama Slaughter Councilwoman

  
LaDaryl Bates Councilwoman

Absent  
Richard Shook Councilman

  
Coby Purcell Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Gina Funderburg, CITY SECRETARY