

WINK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:
Eric Hawkins, Mayor

Council Members:
Kama Slaughter, Councilwoman, Place 1
Michael Dodd, Councilman Place 2
Casey Thames, Councilman, Place 3-ABSENT
LaDaryl Bates, Councilwoman, Place 4
Coby Purcell, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 5-

City Staff:
Gina Funderburg, City Secretary
Jose Soltero, Police Chief
Joshua Crawford, Police Officer
Cory Gallagher, Police Officer
Addison Brewer, Utility Clerk
Kelen Salinas- Court Clerk
Richard Kyle, Water Superintendent
Puja Boinpally, City Attorney-via phone

Guests:
Stormy Hawkins
Tim, Linsey, and Tenley Lara
Barbara Billiet

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. December 9, 2025, in the Wink City Council Meeting Room of the Wink City Hall, 303 East Hendricks Blvd., Wink, Texas.

INVOCATION:

(Agenda Item 2)

Councilman 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 MINUTES
FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

- *November 11, 2025*

(Agenda Item 4)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Purcell and seconded by Councilman Dodd, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the above-mentioned minutes. **Motion carried.**
Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Absent"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Michael Dodd
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CITIZEN REQUEST:

- *Tim and Linsey Lara*
 - i. *Asking for city property Lots 1-5, Wink Heights Addition to be put up for bids*

No action was taken

(Agenda Item 5)

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2025-2026
WATER RATES AND SERVICE FEES:**

(Agenda Item 6)

The Council received a presentation outlining the water rates from the previous year. The information was reviewed to assist the Council in evaluating the current rate structure and determining whether any adjustments are warranted for the upcoming year. Any proposed modifications to the water rates will be considered at the January meeting and, if approved, will be adopted by formal resolution.

No action was taken

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SICK TIME
AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:**

(Agenda Item 7)

The Council was presented with the current Employee Handbook for review. Council members were asked to examine the document and identify any updates or revisions that may be necessary. Any recommended changes will be considered at the January meeting and, if approved, will be incorporated as an official update to the Employee Handbook.

No action was taken

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASE
OF A TIME CLOCK SYSTEM FOR THE
WATER AND GENERAL DEPARTMENTS:**

(Agenda Item 8)

No action was taken

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS PRESENTATIONS:**

(Agenda Item 9)

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

Richard Kyle and Chief Soltero presented to the Council their department reports for the month of November 2025.

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

(Agenda Item 10)

No action was required or taken.

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OVERNIGHT TRAVEL:

- *Gina Funderburg*
- *Kelen Salinas*

(Agenda Item 11)

The City Council was informed that both the City Secretary and the Court Clerk are scheduled to attend the Election Law Seminar to be held in Round Rock, Texas, from January 21–23, 2026. The Council was advised that overnight travel will be required for both employees in order to attend the training. Following discussion, the Council considered approval of the necessary overnight travel arrangements for attendance at the seminar.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilman Dodd, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the overnight travel for both employees.

Motion carried.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Absent"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Michael Dodd
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASING
A VEHICLE FOR THE PD FLEET:**

(Agenda Item 12)

The Chief of Police, Jose Soltero, presented to the Council an opportunity to purchase a new vehicle for the Police Department. He also provided a quote from an outfitter for the necessary equipment and conversion of the vehicle into a fully outfitted police unit. Following review and discussion, the Council voted to approve the purchase and adopted a budget amendment in the total amount of \$83,707.14 (eighty-three thousand seven hundred seven dollars and fourteen cents) to fund the vehicle and outfitting costs.

Mayor Hawkins further recommended that the City Secretary contact the City's banking institutions, Southwest Heritage Credit Union or WesTex Community Credit Union to inquire about and apply for a loan to support this expenditure.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Dodd and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to amend the budget for the purchase of the vehicle for the Police Department, in the amount of \$83,707.14 (eighty-three thousand seven hundred seven dollars and fourteen cents). **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Kama Slaughter
"Absent"	Casey Thames
"Aye"	Michael Dodd
"Aye"	LaDaryl Bates
"Aye"	Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OPENING
AN ACCOUNT WITH HERCRENTALS:**

(Agenda Item 13)

The Water Superintendent, Richard Kyle requested Council authorization to apply for a credit account with HercRentals. He explained that establishing this account would allow the City to rent generators as needed to supply power to the City's wells in the event of an emergency.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Dodd and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to authorize Mr. Kyle to apply for a credit account with Hercrentals. **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

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

Kama Slaughter
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**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER QUOTE
FROM HOLIDAY DESIGNS:**

(Agenda Item 14)

*The Office Staff presented to the Council an idea to purchase a 16-foot Christmas tree for use in next year's holiday season and to begin hosting an annual "Lighting of the Tree" event for the community. Mayor Hawkins suggested exploring the option of acquiring a hologram-style tree as an alternative. He directed the Office Staff to research pricing and availability for such a tree, noting that the Council would revisit the matter and make a decision at a future meeting.
No action was taken*

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER
CITY 2026 HOLIDAYS:**

(Agenda Item 15)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Bates and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the 2026 City holidays. **Motion carried.**
Votes were as follows:

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

Kama Slaughter
Casey Thames
Michael Dodd
LaDaryl Bates
Coby Purcell

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

(Agenda Item 16)

Motion: Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell and seconded by Councilman Dodd, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the payment of bills and budget amendments for line items as listed below: **Motion carried.**
#12 in the amount of \$83707.14
Votes were as follows:

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

Kama Slaughter
Casey Thames
Michael Dodd
LaDaryl Bates
Coby Purcell

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DATE FOR THE
FEBRUARY 2026 REGULAR MEETING:**

- January 6, 2026

(Agenda Item 17)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Bates and seconded by Councilman Thames, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" approved February 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. as the date for the regular meeting for that month. **Motion carried.**
Votes were as follows:

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

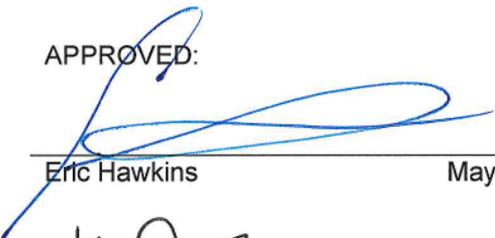
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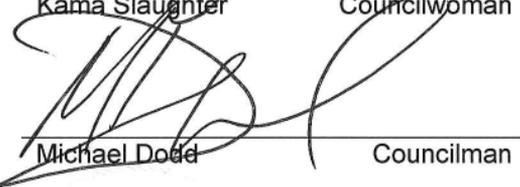
6:58 P.M.

These minutes were approved by the Wink City Council on the 6th day of January 2026.

APPROVED:


Eric Hawkins Mayor


Kama Slaughter Councilwoman


Michael Dodd Councilman

ABSENT

Casey Thames Councilman


LaDaryl Bates Councilwoman


Coby Purcell Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Gina Funderburg, CITY SECRETARY

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