

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

PRESENT:

Eric Hawkins, Mayor

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

Gina Funderburg, City Secretary
Jose Soltero, Police Chief
Addison Brewer, Utility Clerk
Kelen Salinas- Court Clerk
Puja Boinpally, City Attorney-via phone
Richard Kyle, Water Superintendent
Miguel Valdes- Water Dept.
Eva Resendiz-Water Dept.
Preston Fitzgerald- Animal Control

Guests:

Barbara Saboyna-Billiet
Stormy Hawkins
January Johnson
Paula Barnett
Mariah Valdez

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. May 6, 2025, in the Wink City Council Meeting Room of the Wink City Hall, 303 East Hendricks Blvd., Wink, Texas.

INVOCATION:

(Agenda Item 2)

Councilwoman Bates 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)

Paula Barnett addressed the Council with traffic concerns down Hendricks Blvd in the early morning hours. She asked if the council would consider lowering the speed limit. Mayor Hawkins advised that he was in discussions with TX Dot to lower the speed limit when they start to redo the highway. She asked if it would be illegal for the TC's Grocery employees when unloading the grocery truck to put cones on the inside lane of the highway to further the traffic from them. The answer was yes. So, her next question was whether the state owns the shoulder of that road, she was told it was still the state's right of way. Chief Soltero told her she could put some flashing cones in the shoulder area as long as she did not block the lane of traffic.

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OFFICIALS INSTALLED INTO OFFICE:

- *Statement of officer*
- *Oath of office*

(Agenda Item 4)

At this time, City Secretary, Gina Funderburg, swore into office Eric Hawkins, Mayor, and LaDaryl Bates, Councilwoman Place 4.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

- *March 4, 2025*

(Agenda Item 5)

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 above-mentioned minutes. **Motion carried.** Votes were as follows:

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BIDS FOR FLEET VEHICLES. BIDS RECEIVED:

- *Vern Jones*
- *Unknown*

(Agenda Item 6)

**Vern Jones-\$2100.00
Jace Hildebrand-\$3500.00
Josshua Johnson-\$1500.00
Uriel Resendiz de la Rosa-\$1500.00**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SELLING CITY OF WINK FLEET:

- *Crown Victoria*

(Agenda Item 7)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Bates and seconded by Councilman Purcell, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the award the vehicle to Mr. Jace Hildebrand in the amount of \$3500.00 (thirty-five hundred dollars). **Motion carried.** Votes were as follows:

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A LIONS CLUB CHAPTER IN THE CITY OF WINK:

(Agenda Item 8)

Aaron Urias joined the meeting via a Zoom meeting. He would like to start up a Lions Club chapter at the City of Wink. He is asking if the city could help find people who would be interested in being a Lion. No action was required or taken.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CITIZEN REQUEST:

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- *Mahalie Pando- water bill*

(Agenda Item 9)

Ms. Pando was not in attendance. In April 2025, Ms. Pando had a huge leak at her residence, 501 N. Winkler. When she received her bill. She disagreed with the cost. The office staff took this to the Council to see if they wanted to give any sort of credit. They agreed on doing a 6-month (six) average and give her credit. Ms. Pando was not able to attend the meeting.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the credit to Ms. Pando's water bill. **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

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

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS PRESENTATIONS:**

- *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 April 2025.

(Agenda Item 10)

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

(Agenda Item 11)

No action

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

- *Date and time*
- *Budget*

(Agenda Item 12)

Ms. Kelen Salinas and Ms. Mariah Valdez addressed the Council regarding the National Night Out 2025. The date will be August 8, 2025, starting at 6:00pm, and as in past years, it will be held in the park area behind City Hall. The Council also decided to contribute \$3500.00 (thirty-five hundred dollars) to the cause.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Slaughter and seconded by Councilwoman Bates, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve August 8, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. as National Night Out 2025. **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve \$3,500.00 (thirty-five hundred dollars) to be transferred from the General Fund to the National Night Out Fund. **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CENTENNIAL EVENT FOR THE CITY OF WINK:

- *Budget*
- *Fund raising*

(Agenda Item 13)

Next agenda

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT:

(Agenda Item 14)

Clarification was needed on whether the Animal Control Department is coded under the General or Water/Sewer Fund.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilwoman Bates, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to make the clarification that the Animal Control department will be under the General Fund. **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT:

(Agenda Item 15)

Clarification was needed on whether the Code Enforcement Department is coded under the General or Water/Sewer Fund.

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 make the clarification that the Code Enforcement Department will be under the General Fund. **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OPENING AN ACCOUNT WITH APSCO SUPPLY:

(Agenda Item 16)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Slaughter and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Purcell, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the request to open an account with APSCO Supply. **Motion carried.**

Votes were as follows:

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

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ROLL OFF FEES:

(Agenda Item 17)

The office staff addressed the Council with an issue with the roll offs at the landfill. Citizens will hire contractors to do work around their homes and the contractors will then pay \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars.) per load to dump the debris in the roll off. The city then must pay Republic Services to dispose of the debris. The city currently is paying more for the fee and the \$25.00 is not helping with that. The office staff asked for permission to raise the fee for contractors to \$175.00 (one hundred seventy-five dollars).

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilwoman Bates, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve raising the fee to \$175.00 (one hundred seventy-five dollars) to contractors that are doing work within the city limits. **Motion carried.**
Votes were as follows:

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER JAVELINA ISSUES/SOLUTIONS:

(Agenda Item 18)

Chief Soltero addressed the Council with concerns from citizens regarding the javelina issues within the city limits. He reached out to the Game Warden and was advised that trapping or killing the javelina is against the law due to them being "wild game." He was told that the best way to handle this situation is to get blank shot gun shells to scare them away. Chief Soltero asked the council for permission to buy the shells and allow him to use this tactic.

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 purchase of blanks and to allow Chief Soltero to use the above-mentioned tactic. **Motion carried.**
Votes were as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

In accordance WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS)

- Addison Brewer- 90-day evaluation
- Kelen Salinas

(Agenda Item 19)

The Council went into an executive session at 7:14p.m.

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

(Agenda Item 20)

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:24p.m.

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

(Agenda Item 21)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilman Thames and seconded by Councilwoman Slaughter, the Council voted four (4) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the payment of bills. **Motion carried.**
Votes were as follows:

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

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DATE FOR THE
JULY 2025 REGULAR MEETING:**

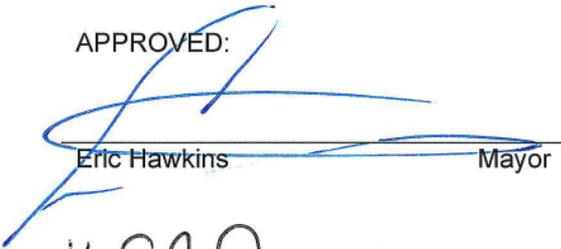
- Next meeting-June 3, 2025
- July 8, 2025

(Agenda Item 18)

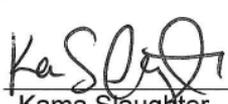
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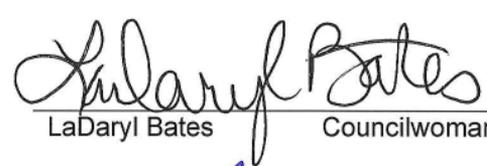
These minutes were approved by the Wink City Council on the 3rd day of June 2025.

APPROVED:


Eric Hawkins Mayor

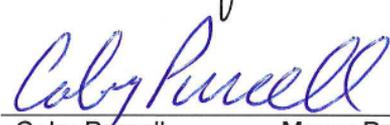

Casey Thames Councilman


Kama Slaughter Councilwoman


LaDaryl Bates Councilwoman

ABSENT

Michael Dodd Councilman


Coby Purcell Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Gina Funderburg, CITY SECRETARY