The City of Winfield met in regular session on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 5:00pm at Council Chambers, 115 N. Locust Street with Mayor Willie Bender presiding. Council persons present: Janet Reynolds, Randy Redlinger, David Pieart, Jennifer Wade, and Tom Rodruck. Others present: Angie Oepping, JR Herrick, Duane Nollen, Patti Gerling, Jessica Haines, and Ben & Pam Johnson.

**Public Hearing on Max Tax Levy FYE 2023 – 5pm-**The public hearing opened at 5:00pm by a motion of T. Rodruck, J. Wade 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. W. Bender asked the public if there were any questions or concerns with the max tax levy notice. Ben Johnson asked what it was and W. Bender stated that the purpose is to set the max tax levy for the 2023 budget which means that the city cannot levy a higher rate for their fiscal year end 2023 budget. These levies help pay employee benefits including IPERS, FICA, and Health/Dental Insurance. The public hearing closed at 5:03pm by a motion of J. Wade, J. Reynolds 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Approval of Agenda-**Agenda approved by a motion of J. Wade, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda-Bills and Minutes from January 12, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting and February 2, 2022 Special Meeting-**Approved by a motion of J. Wade, T. Rodruck 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Departmental Reports –** Departments reviewed their reports with the council. JR Herrick has reached out to Precision Coating about the re-coating of the pool but has yet to get in contact with anyone. He may reach out to another company. J. Wade stated that she will be getting a quote for the park project to be completed in one phase. J. Reynolds asked if we could get the public’s input of the location of the new park equipment (City Park by Water Plant or the Commons Ballfields).

**Public Forum-**No one available from the public.

**Cemetery Board Update-**P. Gerling stated that there were 21 mowings at the cemetery last year and with the city’s & trustee’s contributions they should be carrying over approximately $3000. Foundations are in need of repair but they are unable to find anyone to complete the repairs. P. Gerling also stated that there are a lot of plots available.

**J & J Pizza – Annual Report Update-**Jessica Haines stated that business is still going well but slow at times. Increasing food costs is their biggest concern right now.

**After-Prom Donation-**Council approved a $150 donation for After-Prom by a motion of J. Reynolds, R. Redlinger 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstain-1 (J. Wade) Carried.

**Per Mar Security Proposal – Water Plant-**Council approved the proposal from Per Mar and submitting an application for an ICAP grant to help fund by a motion of T. Rodruck, J. Wade 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Cummins Sales and Service Estimate-**Council reviewed the estimate of $1803.16 which will be paid in FYE 2023.

**Resolution 13-2022 – Resolution for Max Tax Levy for FYE 2023-**Council approved the resolution by a motion of R. Redlinger, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Resolution 14-2022 – Resolution to Set Public Hearing FYE-2023 Budget Estimate-**Council approved the resolution by a motion of J. Wade, T. Rodruck 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Review Revisions to Budget FYE-2023 and/or Set Budget Workshop #2-** Council reviewed the budget revisions that were discussed at the budget workshop on February 2nd and had no additional changes. The FYE 2023 budget will be published in the newspaper prior to the March council meeting and meet the requirements for the public hearing.

**Hart-Frederick Invoice WWTP Improvements – Design-**Council approved paying the invoice for hours billed by a motion of T. Rodruck, R. Redlinger 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-1 (J. Wade) Carried. Council approved terminating the agreement for professional services allowing 30 days for Hart-Frederick to respond by a motion of J. Wade, R. Redlinger 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements-**JR Herrick reached out to three engineering firms about the possibility of taking on the engineering responsibilities of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Council approved using the American Rescue Plan funds to purchase a new flowmeter and sampler (approximately $17000) by a motion of D. Pieart, J. Reynolds 2ndAyes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Consider the Selling of Real Estate-**Closed Session per IA Code 21.5(1)(j) *To discuss the sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to reduce the price the governmental agency would receive for that property.* *The minutes and the tape recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed.* Motion by T. Rodruck, D. Pieart 2nd, that council go into Closed Session @ 7:04 PM. Roll call on said motion as follows: Ayes: J. Wade, J. Reynolds, R. Redlinger, T. Rodruck, and D. Pieart. Nays: None. Motion Carried Unanimously. Those present during closed session were as follows: W. Bender, J. Wade, J. Reynolds, R. Redlinger, T. Rodruck, D. Pieart, A. Oepping and JR Herrick.

Motion by J. Reynolds, D. Pieart 2nd, that council return to open session @ 7:15 PM. Roll call on said motion as follows: Ayes: J. Wade, J. Reynolds, R. Redlinger, T. Rodruck, and D. Pieart. Nays: None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**Establish Selling Price on Real Estate-**Motion by T. Rodruck, J. Reynolds 2nd to accept the purchase and sale contract Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Old Business-**In regards to fireworks, council will ask for feedback from the police department; meeting will be set up with the nuisance attorney with Lynch Dallas for either March 16th or March 23rd; representatives from the council, WMU Rec League, and WMU School will set up a meeting to discuss the 28E agreement.

**Mayor’s Comments-**Mayor Bender reached out to the WMU art teacher about the mural on Locust Street. D. Pieart and J. Wade have also reached out to individuals about the mural as well.

**Adjournment-**The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm by a motion of J. Wade, T. Rodruck 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. The next regular session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 5:00pm.

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Angie Oepping, City Clerk Willie Bender, Mayor