

The Winfield City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 115 N. Locust St. Winfield, Iowa with Mayor Chris Finnell presiding. Council members present-Roger Sharp, David Good, Jan Walter, and Ryan Rees. Council member absent-Ryan Kinneberg. Others present were-Angie Oepping, Jeff Dietrich, Sally Hayes, Laurie Hockenberry, Liz Wasson, Jerry Fricke, Beau Van Amerongen, Lorie Van Amerongen, and Bob Perrenoud.

Approval of Agenda- Approval by a motion of R. Rees, D. Good 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda-Bills and Minutes from June 11, 2012 meeting-Approval by a motion of J. Walter, R. Rees 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried

Departmental Reports

Public Works-C. Finnell reported that the Public Works department hired Max Fricke as a part-time temporary employee for the summer.

Library-L. Hockenberry reported that computer usage was at 76 and the number of active card holders is 615. Book club will meet August 7th to discuss the book "Plain Song". L. Hockenberry informed the council that the Summer Reading program started a week late due to the air conditioner needing repaired and will run through July 27th.

Police-J. Dietrich reported calls for service and that the department has contacted about ½ the property owners on the list for junk and junk vehicles.

Clerk-A. Oepping asked the council to fill out the pipeline survey that was distributed at the last council meeting and return as soon as possible.

Public Forum-

Beau Van Amerongen – Eagle Scouts-B. Van Amerongen asked the council for approval on moving forward with his Eagle Scout project of constructing animated trash cans to be placed along the 2 main business blocks. Council approved the project by a motion of R. Rees, R. Sharp 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried

Sidewalk Project Bid Letters- Frank Bruty Construction from Washington and Smith Concrete Construction from Winfield submitted bids for the project. R. Sharp motioned to accept Brian Smith's bids and D. Good 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0 Absent-1 Carried

Police and Fire Reserves-\$9850 for police and \$21000 for fire will be moved to reserves by a motion of J. Walter, R. Rees 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0 Absent-1 Carried

303 E Ash – Property Taxes-C. Finnell reported that the city was awarded title to the property and that there was a 30 day appeal period. C. Finnell also reported that the taxes due on the property are \$1336 without penalty fees. The council approved paying the back taxes of \$1336 and to hold the check until July 30th by a motion of R. Rees, J. Walter 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried

504 E. Pine – Release Temporary Construction Easement-Liz Wasson informed the council that there was a temporary construction easement placed on the property in 1999 with no ending date and would like the council to release the easement so that the property could be sold. J. Walter motioned to have Wyatt Peterson do a quit claim deed referencing the temporary easement document and have the easement released, R. Rees 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0 Absent-1 Carried

Capital Improvements Plan Proposed Fees-A proposal of \$6800 - \$8200 was submitted by Pat Callahan of Snyder & AssociatesItem and the issue was tabled to gather additional information from other sources.

Resolution 01-2013 – Appropriate Fund for FYE 2013-Approved by a motion of R. Sharp, J. Walter 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Resolution 02-2013 – Setting Salaries for FYE 2013-C. Finnell reported that he would like to set up a salary structure for the full-time employees and to further discuss raises for part-time employees. The council will meet on July 24 at 7pm to discuss the topic (date has since changed to July 31)

Resolution 03-2013 – Health Insurance Renewal-Approved by a motion of R. Sharp, J. Walter 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Old Business-C. Finnell reported that Richard & Martha Douglas have appealed the judgment awarding the City title to the property located at 101 N Locust and that he would be meeting with the lawyers on Tuesday, July 10.

Mayors Comments-C. Finnell informed the council that the Betterment Committee is progressing and that the Beautification Committee and Master Gardening Group have been continuously cleaning up the flower beds.

Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 8:03PM by a motion of J. Walter, R. Rees 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried. The next regular session meeting will be on Monday, August 13th at 7 PM.

Angie Oepping, City Clerk

Chris Finnell, Mayor