

The City of Winfield met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers located at 115 N. Locust Street with mayor Willie Bender presiding. Council persons present: Brandy Smith, Randy Redlinger, Jennifer Lemke, Matt Hernandez, and David Pieart. Others present: Angie Oepping, JR Herrick, Scott Roen, Isaac Wilson, Chris & Carter Finnell, Brendan Hudson, Collin Hinkle, Nathan Faler, Kenneth Eggenburg, Aaron Buffington, and Elizabeth Hernandez.

Approval of Agenda-Council approved the agenda by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Bills & Minutes from October 8, 2025 council meeting-Consent agenda approved by a motion of M. Hernandez, J. Lemke 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Departmental Reports-Departments provided electronic reports to the council. In addition, J. Herrick stated that the court hearing for the nuisance at the trailer park has been continued to January 20, 2026. Mayor Bender and D. Pieart attended the Library Board meeting and informed the council that Jacque will be returning to work part-time in the next couple of weeks; Library Board was looking for information on electric bill for the old bank building; the Library Board has asked for the city's assistance in moving the book drop box and solar bench as well as painting a handicap parking spot on E. Pine Street. A. Oepping stated that the library has \$70,382.97 in CD's and savings for the renovation project. S. Roen stated that he has started a calls for service log for the school in regards to SRO activity and that those property owners he has talked to about nuisances have actively been working on the nuisances.

Public Forum-C. Finnell (previous mayor) questioned if solar panels could be moved from the library at W. Ash to the location of the new library.

Open Mowing Bids-The city received five mowing bids – Hudson Lawn Care \$435 per mowing (3-year contract); Sue's Mowing Service \$480-2026, \$490-2027, \$500-2028, and \$550 1-year bid; Wilson Outdoor Services \$645-2026, \$655-2027, \$665-2028; Hinkle Lawn Maintenance \$650-2026, \$669.50-2027, \$689.59-2028; Nathans Lawns \$500-2026, \$525-2027, \$550-2028.

Accept/Reject Mowing Bids-Council reviewed bids and discussed the option of the city buying a mower (\$10,000 - \$18,000) and hiring an individual to mow. B. Smith motioned to hire Hudson Lawn Care, R. Redlinger 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Security Camera Quote – Fire Station-S. Roen provided council with a quote for camera to place on the fire station and facing the sand volleyball court for approximately \$700. Council approved moving forward with the purchase by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Ordinance 363 – No Parking along south side of 120th Street (2nd Reading)-2nd Reading of the ordinance was approved by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Ordinance 364 – Stop or Yield Signs Required (1st Reading)-1st reading of the ordinance was approved by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. Council waived the 2nd & 3rd readings by a motion of B. Smith, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 10-2026 – Setting Public Hearing on the Transfer of City Real Estate-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 11-2026 – Annual City Street Financial Report-Resolution approved by a motion of B. Smith, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Approve Annual Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2025-AURR was approved by a motion of D. Pieart, J. Lemke 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Old Business-Council asked if there is any updates on the old J& J Pizza bldg (unknown); City will look into applying for a GTSB grant for speed sign on Locust St; no official election results have been provided for city council election; No new updates on the EPA Grant.

Mayors Comments-Mayor Bender congratulated Jennifer and David on their re-election to the city council and thanked Aaron Buffington for running as a write-in. Mayor Bender also stated that the council needs to be plan on starting the discussion of a new project for the Water Treatment Plant.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th at 5:00pm.

Angie Oepping, City Clerk

Willie Bender, Mayor