

The City of Winfield met in regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5:00pm at Council Chambers, 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, Jeff Dietrich, Lisa Rees, Lynn Whaley, and Jesse Bell with HC Sheriff Dept

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

Approval of Consent Agenda-Bills and Minutes from December 11, 2024 council meeting – Approved by a motion of M. Hernandez, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Departmental Reports – Electronic reports provided to the council for review. J. Dietrich stated that the department will be contacting Electronic Engineering in regards to upgrading the squad car radio and using 911 funds. The cemetery control board met and discussed changes to the joint agreement including the number of times the board will meet annually, financial statements presented to both entities, and payments from both entities in July and January. The by-laws will be printed as well and included with the joint agreement. Once changes are made, the township trustees and the city council will review. Once approved, the city will present to the city attorney for review. The board also discussed the grading of the roads within the cemetery.

Public Forum – no one available from the public

Wemiga Waste – Contract Agreement Extension for Trash Service – Council reviewed the addendum switching to a cart method for trash pickup. The addendum extended which extended service until September 2032 was approved by the council by a motion of D. Pieart, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

2025 Sealcoat Proposal – L.L. Pelling – Council approved the proposal locking in the 2025 sealcoat pricing by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

WWTP Improvements – Progress Report and Pay Application #15 – Council approved the progress report and pay application by a motion of D. Pieart, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 10-2025 – Resolution setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Vehicle Acquisition Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$35,000 – Resolution approved by a motion of B. Smith, J. Lemke 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 11-2025 – Authorizing Bid Process and Setting Public Hearing for Proposed Sale of 306 E Ash Street – Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 12-2025 – Adopting the Henry County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2024 for Henry County – Due to no response on some questions about the plan, the city council did not take any action on the resolution.

Committee Appointments – City Clerk, City Attorney, City Treasurer, Landfill Reps, Sub Committees – Council approved keeping the same committee appointments as in 2024 except for Scott Roen to be the representative for Emergency Management & E-911 with Jeff Dietrich as the alternate by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

WARC Liquor License Renewal with Sunday Privileges and Outdoor Service - 19th Hole – Council approved the license by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Set Budget Workshop – FYE 2026 – Council set the budget workshop for Tuesday, January 28th at 5:30pm.

Review of Animal Ordinance – Chapter 55 – Council reviewed the current ordinance and discussed changes to 55.06 in regards to animals at large, 55.13 allowing live traps, and 55.16 feeding at large animals. These changes will be presented to the council in the form of an ordinance change at the February 12th city council meeting. In addition, council will review Chapter 56, in regards to licensing of animals.

Old Business – JR still waiting for a response from Alliant Energy’s engineer on the swimming pool light; A. Oepping is working on a letter to send to trailer park owner; J. Dietrich will work with S. Roen on the process for junk/junk vehicles; Meeting will be set up with homeowner in regards to water service line to garage.

Mayors Comments – J. Lemke spoke on behalf of the council and thanked Mayor Bender for all that he does for the city and recognizing all the work that he does outside of the city council meetings.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. The next regular session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Angie Oepping, City Clerk

Willie Bender, Mayor