

The City of Winfield met in special session on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:00pm at Council Chambers, 115 N. Locust Street with Mayor Willie Bender presiding. Council persons present: David Pieart, Jennifer Lemke, Brandy Smith, Matt Hernandez, and Randy Redlinger. Others present: Angie Oepping, JR Herrick, Lisa Rees, Jeff Dietrich, Scott Jennings, and Rachel March.

**Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Hearing – 5:00pm**-Public Hearing opened at 5pm by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. Scott Jennings asked how the proposed property tax compares to the previous year. A. Oepping stated that the FY25 proposed tax rate is 11.28716 and FY24's tax rate was 11.27999 which is a difference of 0.00717. The public hearing closed at 5:20pm by a motion of M. Hernandez, J. Lemke 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Adjournment**-The special meeting adjourned at 5:20pm by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

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The City of Winfield met in regular session on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:20pm at Council Chambers, 115 N. Locust Street with Mayor Willie Bender presiding. Council persons present: David Pieart, Jennifer Lemke, Brandy Smith, Matt Hernandez, and Randy Redlinger. Others present: Angie Oepping, JR Herrick, Lisa Rees, Jeff Dietrich, Dave Norcross, Scott Jennings, and Rachel March.

**Approval of Agenda**-Agenda approved by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda-Bills and Minutes from March 13, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting -** Approved by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Departmental Reports** – Departments reviewed their electronic reports with the council. J. Herrick also stated that public works employee, Heath Borders, resigned effective April 10, 2024.

**Public Forum**-Rachel March at 209 N Walnut addressed the council about drainage issues they have been experiencing since 2020 when the city dug out their ditch. The corner which had an approximate dropoff of 3 ½ feet was fixed on 4/10/24. However, R. March still has concerns with the water that continues to pool in the ditch and states that prior to the city digging out the ditches, they did not have the issue. She is requesting that the city returns her driveway to its original condition prior to the ditch digging.

**May 2024 Council Meeting Date & Time**-Council approved a having the regular session May city council meeting on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm by a motion of M. Hernandez, J. Lemke 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Boomerang Pay Application #6/Progress Report**-Council reviewed and approved the pay application and progress report by a motion of R. Redlinger, D. Pieart 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**HR Greem – Change Order #2**-Council reviewed and approved the change order by a motion of B. Smith, D. Pieart 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Access Systems Quote ASTQ34899 (Battery Backup Replacements)**-The City has two battery backups – the one from 2014 needs a complete replacement and the one from 2019 needs a new battery. Council approved the quote by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Resolution 9-2024 – Resolution Setting Public Hearing for FYE-2025 Budget Estimate**-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Resolution 10-2024 – Setting Public Hearing for Budget Amendment FYE-2024**-Resolution approved setting the budget amendment public hearing for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Swimming Pool – Hiring Lifeguards, Pool Memberships, Hours, Discounts, Swim Lessons**-Council approved the proposed changes presented by pool manager, Jill Townsley, and adding in a daycare pass for \$225 by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Cigarette Permit – Casey’s General Store**-Council approved the cigarette permit by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Playground Ground Covering**-Council approved the purchase of cedar mulch from 4H Wood products by a motion of B. Smith, D. Pieart 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**School Resource Officer Proposal**-Mayor Bender updated the council in regards to sharing a full-time officer with the school and stated the estimated costs for a full-time officer would be around \$79,000 (salary and benefits). This information was provided to the schoolboard as well. Mayor Bender will continue communication with the school and report back to the council on the potential sharing agreement.

**Old Business – Tree Removal, Utility Services (Victory Lane Adventures)**-A. Oepping stated that 2 out of the 4 trees have been removed. The certified letters were returned for the two that have not been removed. Council agreed to have an officer serve a final notice to the two remaining property owners. Estimates were received from the engineer at HR Green for sewer services ran to the property on Maple Street in which VLA would like to develop. Estimates came in at \$180,000 - \$230,000. No new updates on property on E. Ash Street – will reach back out to the attorney. J. Lemke will reach out to the school and rec league to get an annual meeting scheduled per the 28 Agreement at the Commons. J. Lemke also stated that she would like the council to set up another brainstorming meeting in regards to future projects.

**Mayor’s Comments**-Mayor Bender thanked the public works department for their dedication and hard work during the heavy rainfall. He also stated that he will be meeting with JR to discuss the vacant position in the public works department.

**Adjournment**-The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. The next regular session meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5:20pm.

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Angie Oepping, City Clerk

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Willie Bender, Mayor