

The City of Winfield met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 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, Jeff Dietrich, Patti Gerling, Beatrice Anderson, and Katie Miller.

**Public Hearing-Budget Amendment FYE 2024 (5pm)**- The public hearing opened at 5:00pm by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. There was no one from the public in attendance. The public hearing closed at 5:16pm by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**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 April 10, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting and April 29, 2024 Special Session Council Meeting**-Approved by a motion of M. Hernandez, J. Lemke 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Departmental Reports** – Departments reviewed their electronic reports with the council. Lifeguard Interviews will be conducted for lifeguards on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Driveway at 209 N Walnut Street**-JR Herrick, Matt Hernandez, and David Pieart met with the property owners to discuss the culvert/driveway extension issue at 209 N. Walnut Street. Council approved fixing the issue with a new culvert to replace the damaged culvert, dirt and rock for the extension while homeowners are responsible for the culvert for the extension by a motion of M. Hernandez, R. Redlinger 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstain-1 (J. Lemke) Carried

**Resolution 12-2024 – Approve Budget Amendment FYE-2024**-Council and approved the resolution by a motion of D. Pieart, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Request to Re-Zone Property – Corner of W. Haigler & N. Locust Street (Mullins 2<sup>nd</sup> Lts 3-4 Blk 1)**-Council approved sending the recommendation to the zoning board to re-zone from R-2 to M-1 by a motion of D. Pieart, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Diving Board Replacement**-Two quotes were received – one from Paddock Enterprises for \$8,662.00 plus \$495.00 freight and the other from ACCO for \$5,780 plus \$700 freight. Council approved the quote from ACCO by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Boomerang Pay Application #7/Progress Report**-Council reviewed progress report and approved pay application by a motion of B. Smith, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Emergency Operation Plan/Emergency Contact List**-Council approved the plan and contact list by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**L. L. Pelling – 2024 Sealcoat/Asphalt Work**-Council approved the sealcoat proposal from L.L. Pelling as well as three asphalt areas on W. Central per JR Herrick's recommendations by a motion of M. Hernandez, J. Lemke 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**Sump Pump Discharge Rules**-Council discussed sump pump discharge rules and stated that a reminder should be placed in the city bill to be respectful of adjoining property owners and to reference the Iowa Drainage Law.

**Chickens at WMU School for school education activities**-Council heard a presentation from two WMU FFA Members, Beatrice Anderson & Katie Miller. Other FFA members involved were Quin Smith and Eli Miller. The FFA Chapter would like to begin raising chickens (or other poultry if preferred) and have a coop placed at the property on S. Olive Street across from the school. This will be used as a learning experience for the entire school as well as having the shop class build the coop and the Food & Consumer Science class using the eggs. Other organizations to benefit are the Backpack Program and the Food Pantry. D. Pieart motioned to approve the request for up to 12 full grown chickens, no roosters, on the school property with the city's right to provide a 60-day notice to have the chickens removed if found necessary, M. Hernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. A. Oepping will provide letters to the surrounding property owners as well.

**Set Date for Strategic Planning Workshop**-Council set a date for the workshop on June 26, 2024 at 5pm.

**Old Business –**

**28E City/Rec League/School**-J. Lemke stated that they will be setting up a meeting

**306 E Ash House**-Council approved moving forward with the Chapter 657A abandoned building process by a motion M. Hernandez, B. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

**External Water Meters**-two meters have been purchased for a maximum of a 3-day check out for the use of filling pools.

**Mayor's Comments**-Mayor Bender stated that the school board approved the 28E Agreement for the shared city officer and school resource officer. He congratulated the state qualifiers in track, tennis, and golf. Mayor Bender also stated that he has been in communication with Pilot Grove Savings Bank about the bank building in town to be converted to the public library.

**Adjournment**-The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm 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 Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5:00pm.

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Angie Oepping, City Clerk

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Willie Bender, Mayor