

The City of Winfield met in regular session on Wednesday, June 11, 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, and Matt Hernandez. Council person absent: David Pieart. Others present: Angie Oepping, JR Herrick, Joel & Jessica Haines, Richard & Becky Wilson, Linda Haight, Tess Sommers, Scott Jennings, and Elizabeth Hernandez.

Approval of Agenda-Council approved the agenda by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Bills and Minutes from May 14, 2025 council meeting-Consent agenda approved by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Departmental Reports-Electronic reports were provided by the council for review. JR Herrick informed the council that he reached back out to the county engineer in regards to water drainage issues from Sunrise Terrace parking lot and received some suggestions. JR stated that due to blower issues and problems with mosquitos at the WWTP, he will not be signing off on the project being substantially complete. Engineers are aware of the issues. A group had asked about paying the rental fee for a pool party and utilizing the party as a fundraiser. Council did not foresee any issues.

Public Forum-Richard Wilson has concerns with the pot holes developing in the alley behind the Open Bible Church – JR Herrick stated that they were going to put in some cold patch for the time being until L.L. Pelling comes in July for sealcoat work. Tess Sommer & Linda Haight with the Winfield Historical Society are planning a Cemetery Walk in September.

Economic Development Loan Update-Owners of J&J Pizza stated that perspective buyer is no longer in communication with them and their plan is to get everything out of the building and get it ready to put on the market to sell. The loan payment will be made in July.

Dollar General Cigarette Permit-Permit was approved by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Boomerang Pay Application #19-Pay application approved by a motion of B. Smith, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

WWTP Change Order No. 5-Change order approved by a motion of B. Smith, J. Lemke 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Rezone Property at 310 S Olive for School Parking Lot-After reviewing the surrounding properties; the council decided it was not necessary to rezone the property for the school to demo the house and place a parking lot on the property.

Joint Agreement Scott Township & City of Winfield-Council reviewed the joint agreement that the Scott Township Board had attorney Darin Stater write up based on old agreement. J. Lemke had some minor changes that the council agreed upon and will type up the changes and provide to the city's attorney for her review as well as the Scott Township Board.

SRO 28E Agreement Between WMU School and City of Winfield-Pending school board approval, the council approved the 28E agreement by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Generator Maintenance Quotes-JR Herrick provided the council with two 3-year contract quotes -- Altorfer for \$12,198 and Cummins for \$14,668. Altorfer's quote did not include repairs to the generators; whereas, Cummins included all repairs. Per JR Herrick's recommendation and relationship with Cummins with the current water plant generator; the council agreed with JR Herrick to proceed with Cummins.

Electric Pump – Gas Remote Sensing Quote-A quote was received from Electric Pump for remote sensing for \$22,350 plus an additional monthly fee for dialer; Council approved the quote to proceed with the purchase by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Electric Pump – Water Plant Conversion from Analog to Digital Quote-JR Herrick received a quote to convert water plant from analog to digital of \$69,865 for partial conversion and \$117,255 for full conversion. No action taken, but wanted council to be aware.

Resolution 26-2025 – Transfer Funds to Debt Service-Council approved the resolution by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Resolution 27-2025 – Setting Salaries FYE 2025 (Rick Rodgers Community Pool Employees)-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Resolution 28-2025 – Health Insurance Renewal-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Resolution 29-2025 – Appreciation for Jeff Dietrich-Resolution approved by a motion of B. Smith, M. Hernandez Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

Setting Employee Salaries – FYE26-Council approved a 1.5% increase in salaries by a motion of R. Redlinger, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried.

July 2025 City Council Meeting Date Change-The July city council meeting will be held on Monday, July 14th at 5pm.

Old Business - 306 E Ash Property-Council would like to go back out to bid as a quit claim deed, buyer responsible for abstract, no minimum bid, 120 days to demo, and no stipulation on building. In addition, the City has right to refuse any and all bids. **Unwanted Office Furniture at PGSB**-J. Lemke reached out to the Quarter or More Store and should hear back next week if they will pick up any of the unwanted office furniture. A. Oepping will check with Wemiga on picking up leftover furniture. JR Herrick informed the council of a wellness grant opportunity at Commons or Pocket Park that includes no match and awards up to \$40,000. The court date for the nuisance abatement at the trailer court has been pushed back to July 28th. J. Lemke had asked if the council was going to proceed with prohibiting of parking in front yards. A. Oepping will go back to that agenda item to see what was discussed in 2022. J. Lemke asked if the bathroom at the city park could be unlocked during the day and JR Herrick recommended it only be unlocked upon request to prevent damage. J. Lemke inquired about employee performance reviews and Mayor Bender stated that these reviews will begin in the fall.

Mayors Comments-Mayor Bender wanted to remind everyone that beginning July 1st; garbage day will be switched to Tuesdays.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm by a motion of M. Hernandez, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Carried. The next regular session meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14th at 5:00pm.

Angie Oepping, City Clerk

Willie Bender, Mayor