

The City of Winfield met in regular session on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 5:00pm at Council Chambers, 115 N. Locust Street with Mayor Willie Bender presiding. Council persons present: Jennifer Lemke, Brandy Smith, Matt Hernandez, David Pieart, and Randy Redlinger. Others present: Angie Oepping, JR Herrick, David Norcross, David Muhs, Rebecca Bender, Lisa Rees, and Cheryl Beard.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda-Bills and Minutes from June 12, 2024 and June 26, 2024 City Council Meetings-Approved by a motion of R. Redlinger, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Departmental Reports – Electronic reports provided to the council. In addition, J. Herrick stated that he had contracted with J&M Tree Service for tree trimming and will be meeting with USDA on July 23rd in regards to some grant funding opportunities. A quote was received for a valve at the lagoons at cell 2 for \$6,252.25. Library will now close at 5pm on Fridays and the pool is in need of more chairs.

Public Forum-Complaints of the mini bikes driving around on the city streets.

Welcome Inn – Outdoor Service Area Liquor License (Crooked Creek Days)-Council reviewed drawing submitted and questioned on whether El Mariachi owners have been notified of the fenced off area. Council approved the license by a motion of J. Lemke, R. Redlinger 2nd Ayes-3, Nays-2 (D. Pieart, M. Hernandez) Carried.

Crooked Creek Days – Donation, Road Closure, & Pool Hours-Council approved the road closures on E. & W. Ash, E. & W. Elm, Parade Route, and 100 block of N. Locust; City assistance with trash for fireworks with the use of dump truck and/or trailer; and pool hours closing at 5pm Friday and normal hours on Saturday and Sunday by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

WWTP Progress Report/Pay Application #9-Council reviewed the progress report and approved pay application #9 by a motion of M. Hernandez, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 16-2024 – Transfer Funds FYE 2024-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 01-2025 – Appropriate Fund for FYE 2025-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 02-2025 – Setting Salaries FYE 2025-After discussion of no changes to salaries (except for library employees) the resolution was approved by a motion of B. Smith, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-1 (J. Lemke) Carried. Council requested to see how a 3% increase to employees would affect the budget.

Resolution 03-2025 – Henry County EMS Resolution-Council approved the resolution by a motion of M. Hernandez, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Pilot Grove Savings Bank Building – Library Relocation-Some concerns with the building include weather stripping on windows, roof leak, parking, and handicap accessibility. Council agreed to move forward with acquisition of the building for library relocation. J. Lemke and D. Pieart showed interest in attending the next library board meeting on August 12th to discuss plans for the building.

Examination Recommendations – FYE 2023- A. Oepping reviewed with the council the recommendations and findings from the FYE 2023 Annual Examination.

Full-Time Police Officer/SRO – Closed Session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) *To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.* Council approved going into closed session at 6:33pm by a motion of D. Pieart, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. Closed session ended at 7:00pm by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Job Offer Police Officer/SRO-Mayor Bender wanted to have further discussions with the school and item was tabled.

Old Business – D. Pieart stated that Grasshorse was planning to put the building on the market by the end of the year; Next steps for economic loan development re-payment; no new updates on property on E. Ash Street.

Mayor's Comments-Mayor Bender stated interviews for public works assistant will be the week of 7/15/24 and Mayor Bender will reach out to Pilot Grove Savings Bank.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm by a motion of B. Smith, J. Lemke 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. The next regular session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 5:00pm.

Angie Oepping, City Clerk

Willie Bender, Mayor