

The Winfield City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 5:00pm in the council chambers located at 115 N Locust St, Winfield, Iowa with Mayor Willie Bender presiding. Council persons present: David Pieart, Matt Hernandez, Brandy Smith, Jennifer Lemke, and Scott Jennings. Others present: JR Herrick, Angie Oepping, Scott Roen, Joel & Jessica Haines, Wanda Jennings, Elizabeth Hernandez, Alexa Kongable, Matt Anderson, and Trent Hoekstra.

Approval of Agenda-Council approved the agenda by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Bills and Minutes from January 14, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting and February 4, 2026 Special Meeting-Council approved the consent agenda by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Departmental Reports-Council reviewed the electronic reports provided from the departments. S. Roen provided additional information on the GTSB grant including a cap of being awarded \$4,000 and stated with the speed signs, the city could pay \$500/year for a subscription to gather data from the signs. In addition, S. Roen voiced his concerns in regards to the rental property at 203 E Ash, and would like the council to look into landlords being required to have an inspection completed prior to renting properties.

Public Forum-No comments from the public.

Economic Development Loan Agreement-Jessica & Joel Haines informed the council that there are some major repairs that need to be completed prior to placing the building up for sale including floor joists and roof. Loan payment was received 2/11/26.

Library Renovations Updates/Quotes-Bids were presented to the council for flooring from Randy's Flooring (\$15,950), floor repair from Sparrow Building Services (\$2,000), lighting from PQL Lighting (\$1,542), and electrical from Hoekstra Electric (\$10,803.03). PQL Lighting quote will need updated from 57 lights to 60 lights. Additional items discussed were getting internet box moved, increasing librarian's credit card limit, purchasing items from Facebook marketplace, handicap accessibility in the bathrooms and entry, sprinkler system, window replacement, dumpster, and boiler. Council approved the bids that were presented from PQL, Sparrow Building Services, Hoekstra Electric with 50% down payment, Randy's Flooring with 50% down payment; and a \$2,000 spending limit by board members for reimbursement by a motion of B. Smith, J. Lemke 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Review Revisions to Budget FYE-2027 and/or set Budget Workshop #2-Council reviewed the library budget that was provided in addition to revisions from the budget workshop meeting. A motion to set the max tax levy rate to 12.22949 was approved by J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-4, Nays-1 (M Hernandez) Carried.

Resolution 18-2026 – Set Public Hearing for Consolidated General Fund Tax Levy FY27-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, D. Pieart 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Resolution 19-2026 – Set Public Hearing for FY26 Budget Amendment-Resolution approved by a motion of J. Lemke, M. Hernandez 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Public Officials Gas Training-Tabled to March city council meeting.

Liquor License Local Authority Review for Ownership Updates – Casey's General Store-Council approved the ownership updates on Casey's liquor license by a motion of J. Lemke, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried.

Winfield Code of Ordinance – Chapter 1.14 Standard Penalty-an ordinance will be presented removing the last line in the code in regards to imprisonment at the March council meeting.

Chapter 136 – Sidewalk Regulations-After discussion, changes will be made to the sidewalk rebate pamphlet as opposed to the ordinance. The updated sidewalk rebate pamphlet and permit will be presented to the council at the March council meeting.

Pool Manager – Interviews/Hiring Committee-Pool manager application deadline will be extended and hiring/interview committee will be David Piart, Jennifer Lemke, and Jill Townsley if available (otherwise, Willie Bender will take Jill's place).

Old Business-A certified letter has been sent to resident in regards to water disconnection to garage; purchasing 2 lounge chairs for the pool; start the letter process again for resident on N. Olive with dual wall field tile; meeting will be set up for 28E agreement with school and rec league in which it will be discussed that each coach will get their own code for the locks at the commons; A. Oepping will get legal advice on paragraph 5 of the Hy-Vee Pharmacy lease agreement in regards to the possibility of re-negotiating the lease agreement; and make changes to current ordinance to fall in line with Mt Pleasant's ordinance and the fines for feeding feral cats.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Bender stated that he is happy to hear that the coffee shop is hopeful to open by the end of the month and welcome them to the business community.

Adjournment-The Winfield City Council meeting adjourned at 7:13pm by a motion of S. Jennings, B. Smith 2nd Ayes-5, Nays-0 Carried. The next regular session city council meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Angie Oepping, City Clerk

Willie Bender, Mayor