

August 2, 2017

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Winchester City Council held their monthly meeting August 2, 2017 at City Hall. Mayor Rex McIntire called the meeting to order, with the following council members present: Freddie Andrews, Ron Bell, Lawrence Coultas, Randy Fisher, Steve Hoots, Bill Jacquot and City Clerk, Brenda Robinson.

Also in attendance were: Barb Hoots, Deputy City Clerk; Amy Brown, City Treasurer; John Coonrod, City Attorney; Carmen Ensinger, *Scott County Times*; Mike McEvers, Benton & Associates; Chuck Frost, Winchester Civic Group; John Paul Coonrod, Janet & R.J. Paslay, Chalmer Herring and Marc Norris.

MOTION: Ron Bell moved and Steve Hoots seconded to pay bills as presented. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Lawrence Coultas moved and Randy Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting. Roll call resulted in four (5) yeas and one (1) abstention. Bill Jacquot abstained. Motion carried.

Chalmer Herring ask for council approval to put a soda machine in front of Glamour Ink; this way the Odd Fellows would have some extra income. He stated the Pitt Stop has Coke products and a lot of them like Pepsi products. Lawrence Coultas said that he was afraid if they allowed it others will want the same thing. Coultas was also concerned about vandalism. It was suggested by Herring that they be allowed to try it for 6-months. Ron Bell was concerned about snow and cleaning the sidewalks. Mayor McIntire stated the insurance was not in favor of it. Randy Fisher stated he thought the south side of the Square looked good right now and wasn't sure how a soda machine would fit in. Coultas said the table and chairs in front of the barber shop were decorative and looked nice. Herring said he would like council to think about it instead of just saying NO now. It was tabled until next month.

Chuck Frost, Civic Group reported the last music in the park would be August 3. He commented Stuart Smith and John Paul Coonrod had been instrumental in getting the music. The Farmers Market is in full swing and will continue until mid-October. It is fantastic to see the kids selling their vegetables. There is someone selling pottery. He noted the light poles in the park look great, but the bases need painted. He thought the Civic Group would be able to do that since they plan to paint the town.

Frost stated the Glow Run had 100 participants bringing in \$1,000. They are looking at trashcans to match the park benches. Cost per trashcan is \$420. The Civic Group has been working in the education garden south of the garage. They are raising pumpkins to sell this fall as a fundraiser. Moving forward the lady from Western with mapping the community said the city did their last mapping in 1997. We need to focus on the strengths of the city. They have set five, 3-hour meetings. The cost of the mapping is \$2,073, which is based on the population.

Need to get the whole community involved. He urged the community to attend their monthly meeting which are held the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at Sibert Hall.

The Civic Group is looking at banners to place on lampposts, but the brackets are expensive. Mayor McIntire told Frost to work with the Mr. Coonrod and work on Douglas Park. Douglas was a big part of Winchester's history. Maybe check with Reg Ankrom as well. Frost said they used to do a cake on Douglas's birthday, April 23. The 6th grade students would come and sing happy birthday to him.

The Civic Group wants to have a Gala event the weekend after Thanksgiving, more details to follow. Plans are in the works for an event at Ebaugh Park in the fall.

Pat VanDeVelde said the group could use the north side of the old Times office to place a mural. It was suggested they put it on plywood in case VanDeVelde decides to tear down the building. McIntire suggested they look at White Hall's murals. The Civic Group is planning to market the hotel and hardware store.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janet Paslay was present because she saw where they were planning a parking ordinance on Lewis Street. Since there is no parking on the west side of South Main the neighbors across the street have been parking in front of their house and there is no room for their company to park in front of their house. This ordinance is mainly for vehicle parking from 7 Lewis - 24 Lewis.

Mike McEvers, Benton & Associates opened bids to seal coat the streets. IVP bid \$34,831.50 and IRC bid \$35,680. Low bidder was IVP at \$34,831.50; needs a motion from council, then IDOT to sign off for Illinois Valley Paving to do the job.

MOTION: Steve Hoots moved and Freddie Andrews seconded to accept the low bid of \$34,831 from Illinois Valley Paving to seal coat the streets. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor McIntire wanted to thank everyone who helped with the community picnic. Becky Bigelow-Williams and Nichole Mason have done a fantastic job. He thanked the Civic Group for their help and gave a special thanks to Herschel White for all his help with the raffles.

McIntire said they had only received one (1) application for animal control officer, Leigh Winter. She has lived in Winchester for several years and has a good rapport with Becky Lashmett. The county paid their control officer \$3,500 per year. He will talk to the county commissioners and maybe work out something with them. Coonrod will work up a contract.

McIntire said the Health Department is paying for the no smoking signs for the city properties. Need to decide on the verbiage for them. There is no smoking at any city park, pool, or athletic fields.

Mayor McIntire said he had talked to Tracy about the grant for the squad car. She said it would be next month. Jay Rueter found some police cars to consider if the grant is not approved. The city has received a third follow up letter. McIntire thinks they have everything now to consider us for the grant. He said they have had us jumping through hoops. It was brought up about the blue police car sitting at George's place for about three months and it needs fixed and needs to be at city hall. Mayor said he would take care of it.

McIntire had a crime stopper announcement; he received a letter from an anonymous person from Bluffs stating there is a man abusing his son. He took the letter to Mike Hill and he in turn turned it over to state police. We cannot do anything but the state police has more manpower etc to combat this.

McIntire said he hopes we get the infrastructure grant. He called a few days before the meeting to check on the status. He was told we had a good score and they hoped to announce the winners soon.

McIntire said a citizen fell and broke their wrist in front of Marshall's tire shop, so we need to get the sidewalks fixed.

McIntire said Jim Kirkpatrick had passed. He was 90 years old and was in the nursing home. At his funeral, his grandson said he was a man of faith and hard working. He had worked for the city for several years as a laborer and then as janitor for city hall and library. He was in WWII and one of the last veterans.

John Coonrod, City Attorney asked if there were any bids on the Dobson property. No bids came into the office. It was in the paper a second time, so will go another route. It was suggested putting a "For Sale" sign in the yard and list city hall telephone number. Need to figure how much we have invested in it. The Hynes property is selling at auction in September for back taxes of \$660.

John Paul Coonrod passed out an Ordinance for Lewis Street parking. There was a lot of conversation. Brenda Robinson, City Clerk stated there was zoning about this, why is there a need for an ordinance; it was tabled.

Coonrod presented an amended resolution regarding the smoke free policy.

MOTION: Freddie Andrews moved and Steve Hoots seconded to approve Resolution 2017-08-01 – An Amended Resolution Approving the City of Winchester SMOKE-FREE Policy Outdoor Recreational Facilities. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Coonrod then presented a banking request, resolution-authorizing execution of loan documents regarding the mini excavator.

MOTION: Randy Fisher moved and Lawrence Coultas seconded to approve Resolution 2017-08-02 – Authorizing the City of Winchester to Borrow Funds. Roll call resulted in four (4) yeas and two (2) nays. Voting nay were Freddie Andrews and Steve Hoots. Motion carried.

John Paul Coonrod updated the council on citations issued to Mr. Savage. Mr. Savage was found guilty at trial of having violated the nuisance and dangerous dog provisions of the municipal code. A sentencing hearing is set for August 8 at 11:00 a.m. Coonrod was instructed to provide the court with a memorandum detailing the courts authority to assess penalties.

Coonrod said the Maberry easement has been executed and the changes made to the sewer system. The work has been completed and there wasn't any water after the rain on Thursday.

The IML Seminar in Chicago is September 21-23. McIntire urged everyone to attend at some time.

MOTION: Randy Fisher moved and Ron Bell seconded to approve attendance at the IML Seminar, September 21 -23. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor McIntire said that with John D. Coonrod resigning as City Attorney, he is appointing John Paul Coonrod as City Attorney. Following brief discussion the council indicated its unanimous consent.

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Bill Jacquot gave a pool report. The pool would like to purchase eight (8) new lounge chairs. The chairs cost \$114 each, plus approximate shipping of \$266.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Lawrence Coultas seconded to approve purchase of eight (8) lounge chairs at \$114 each plus shipping, not to exceed \$1,000. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Jacquot gave an update on the pool. August 13 will be the last day the pool will be open. The concession stand was inspected on July 26 by the health department. Overall the inspection was okay. Next year, everyone who handles food will have to have a food handler's license. Someone will have to take the 8-hour food handlers course and the rest will have to do the online course to be able to serve food.

Randy Fisher gave an update on the summer reading program. 190 kids attended the program. The community donated money to help with the reading program.

Freddie Andrews said the lot on Jefferson Street needs to be mowed. Andrews asked for a chain saw for the fire department; the current one does not work. Arends-Awe gave the fire department a credit of \$200 for a fire training course they do each year, which could be applied to this purchase. The chain saw is \$674.99, the 20" rescue chain is \$185.99 and case would be \$60. With the credit, total cost would be \$720.98.

MOTION: Ron Bell moved and Steve Hoots seconded to purchase a chain saw for the Fire Department not to exceed \$800. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Ron Bell said Randy Ford contacted him and said his truck needs two (2) ball joints; it is at Marshall's and the estimated cost to fix is \$1,000. His truck has 100,000 miles on it.

MOTION: Ron Bell moved and Randy Fisher seconded to fix Randy Ford's truck at Marshall's for \$1,000. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Amy Brown, City Treasurer passed out her monthly report. She reported the first installment of property taxes have been deposited. The city funds will look better next month.

Brown suggested a transfer of \$14,000 from the Water Fund to the Gas Fund for loan repayment.

MOTION: Steve Hoots moved and Freddie Andrews seconded to approve a permanent transfer of \$14,000 from the Water Fund to the Gas Fund for loan repayment. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Brenda Robinson, City Clerk read a letter from the Outreach Community Center asking for a donation to their "Back to School Bash". In the past we have donated \$50.


MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Ron Bell seconded to approve \$50 to the Outreach Community Center "Back to School Bash". Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Robinson has had some people wanting to advertise on the city website. Ask council their thoughts and wondered what to charge. It was suggested checking with Jared Evans about the charge. There are several events on the website calendar.

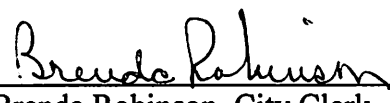
MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Ron Bell seconded to go into closed session to discuss acquisition of purchase of former First State Bank Building. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Freddie Andrews moved and Bill Jacquot seconded to go out of closed session. Roll call resulted in yeas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Steve Hoots seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call resulted with five (5) yeas and one (1) nay. Freddie Andrews voted nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Rex McIntire, Mayor



Brenda Robinson, City Clerk