

of the recently Coultas property. Coultas said the city had lowered the levy rate and the loans are being paid off.

McIntire said Denny Moore's building on the square has sold and a business is going in there and people are looking at the other vacant buildings on the square.

Phil Pratt asked if general funds would be paying for the swimming pool or if TIF funds could be used. TIF funds can only be used for maintenance & repairs. Interest rates are lower and the grant was a blessing. The current pool liner is 14 years old. A 10-year note may be needed to purchase the bank building.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Cathy Debold seconded to go into closed session to discuss evaluation of police man Nate White since we had already discussed the bank building. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried. Council went into closed session at 6:47 p.m.

MOTION: Cathy Debold moved and Terry Gregory seconded to come out of closed session. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried. Council came out of closed session at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor McIntire said the zoning board would need to meet to rezone the three (3) properties from agriculture to residential.

Nathan White is doing an excellent job and was given a \$2 an hour increase retroactive to July 2.


MOTION: Lawrence Coultas moved and Jeff Pittman seconded to increase Nathan White's salary based on his evaluation from \$15 to \$17 per hour retroactive to July 2, 2019. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

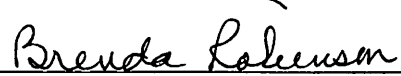
MOTION: Cathy Debold moved and Terry Gregory seconded the motion to purchase the Newman Property and accept the counter offer of \$48,500 for the former First State Bank building on Market Street with the addition community meeting building. Mayor is authorized to borrow funds and execute documents necessary for purchase. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

McIntire congratulated the council on being part of history by purchasing the historical bank building. It was suggested to get Illinois Stories come and do a video the new city hall.

McIntire said he had met with a lady from Peoria about the Subway franchise. They plan to offer the franchise to the couple from Carrollton. He will talk to Benton's about sewer and water lines and where would be the best place to build.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Jeff Pittman seconded to adjourn. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


Rex McIntire, Mayor


Brenda Robinson, City Clerk

August 14, 2019

Special Council Meeting

The Winchester City Council held a special council meeting August 14, 2019 at City Hall to discuss Newman Property, a motor for the softening plant, and closed session evaluation of Police Officer, Nate White and purchase of Newman Property. Mayor Rex McIntire called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Ron Bell, Lawrence Coultas, Cathy Debold, Terry Gregory, Bill Jacquot, Jeff Pittman, Brenda Robinson City Clerk, Amy Brown, City Treasurer, George Lindsey, Police Chief, John P. Coonrod, City Attorney. Also in attendance were Phil Pratt and Chuck Frost.

Ron Bell said a new motor was needed at the City softening plant. The motor is coming from St. Louis. Cost of the motor is \$560.77 plus shipping.

MOTION: Ron Bell moved and Cathy Debold seconded to purchase the new motor for the softening plant for \$560.77 plus shipping. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

George Lindsey, Police Chief said officer Nate White's probation is over. He completed his 6-month probation on July 2. His start date was January 2. George is very pleased with him. He doesn't overact. More on this will be discussed in closed session.

Mayor McIntire stated at the regular August meeting the purchase of the Newman Property was discussed and a bid was offered. Mrs. Newman came back with a counter offer to be discussed in closed session. There is more room at the former First State Bank Building, an advantage will be it is on the square, ample parking and a larger meeting room for council meetings.

Lawrence Coultas talked about remodeling and the cost. TIF funds can be used for the remodeling. Some painting will be done and removal of pictures from the walls. McIntire thought a volunteer work day to clean up could be held. It was suggested John Simmons move his office on the square behind the new city hall. He would have a door on the west side to get work orders, etc.

McIntire said when the bank closed, the businesses on the square was off. Chuck Frost stated the air condition was 20 years old as well as the rubber roof on the back side, which cost \$70,000.

Phil Pratt asked how much was being spent on the building. McIntire said they offered Anita Newman \$45,000 and she came back with a counter offer of \$48,500.

McIntire suggested having Benton & Associates lay out 3 lots on North Main and sell them. It was suggested maybe selling the 2nd story of the old bank building. Not a good idea at this time. It can be used for storage. The current city hall office will be the police department and fire department may utilize the old police office.

Ron Bell commented the city needs to quit spending. **Lawrence Coultas** stated the property values are increasing and we need to invest in the community. It was suggested selling off more