

MINUTES

March 14, 2023

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Teena Waggoner, City Recorder; various Department Heads; news media; and the following Council Members:

Present: Councilman Michael Sisk
Councilman Steve Cagley
Councilwoman Lydia Curtis Johnson
Councilman William Womack

Absent: Councilwoman Barbara Lucas

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Fire Chief Gary Greeson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Michael Sisk.

The regular meeting began with unfinished business. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023 City Council Minutes. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, the meeting continued with new business. City Administrator Beth Rhoton informed the Council that the below listed items are no longer used by the city and asked to surplus these items and sale them on GovDeals.com.

1. (13) NEC ip4ww-24txh-b Telephones – General Gov
2. 1985 JD 570 Grader – Public Works
3. Toro Wheel Horse 314 – Public Works
4. 2001 Elgin Pelican – Public Works

Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the surplus property, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all member voted in favor.

In the next order of business, Police Chief Ritchie Lewis mentioned that three vehicles for the Police Department have already been approved and ordered for this year's budget, however these vehicles continue to be on backorder. Chief Lewis asked permission to order two additional vehicles in this year's budget due to the lengthy process to receive vehicles. He said he would not put any vehicles in the 2023-2024 budget. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve purchasing two additional vehicles in this year's budget, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all member voted in favor.

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton said that one bid was received for milling a portion of Sharp Springs Rd from Tinsley Asphalt for approximately 31,821 square yards @ \$3.36 = \$106,918.56. This contract price @ square yard expires March 9, 2024, with an option to extend the contract for an additional year for any of our city streets. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the bid from Tinsley Asphalt, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton asked permission to increase the Purchase Order limit from \$150.00 to \$500.00. Councilwoman Johnson approved the increase, Councilman Womack seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

In the last order of new business, Fire Chief Gary Greeson informed the Council that the department will be unable to receive the pickup truck that was previously approved for the Fire Department. However, Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM and Fiat of Columbia (State Contract) has a 2023 RAM on the lot for \$45,708.00. The cost is more than previously approved, however the Chief said that he could use funds from another line item to cover the additional cost. Councilman Womack approved the vehicle purchase, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Under communications, Councilman Womack asked everyone to trade at home.

With no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Cagley made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

By:


Terry Harrell, Mayor

Attest:


Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder
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