

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

14 MARCH 2024

7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Youngren opened the public hearing to discuss utility late fee increased. Proposed increase is from a flat fee of \$5 each month for a past due balance to a 5% rate on past due balances.

\$123.18 \$6.16

\$246.36 \$12.32

\$369.54 \$18.48

Patricia Fjerstad – average increase of \$1.10. Lots of stuff about increasing in wages and rates. High utility rates and high wages.

Sept 2020 minutes request??

Public hearing closed.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Winchester City Council was called to order by Mayor Youngren.

Council present: Calkins, London, Lawson and Tannahill

Councilperson Lawson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilperson London seconded. M/C Unanimous.

Councilperson Lawson moved to approve the bills and fund transfers as presented. Councilperson Tannahill seconded. M/C Unanimous.

Mike Haight: Superintendent report.

2 broken water lines in February

Nutrient study reports

Bacteria in plant to help reduce ammonia levels.

Cleaned storage room in the back of the gym.

JUB Report:

Received approval to bid the treatment project from DEQ.

Approve publication dates for treatment plant project March 28th and April 4., with intention of bid opening the week of April 22nd. Ready for approval at the May meeting. Councilperson Calkins moved to publish on March 28th and April 4th, Councilperson Tannahill seconded.

Working with Rural Development for a loan grant package if we need it.

Army Corp of Engineer grant is still waiting for their fund package.

Nutrient reduction report for EPA compliance - NPDES permit.

Community Center Awning report April meeting

Fire Chief/Department reported John Lawson reported for the Firedepartment Ice Rescue class. Approx 65 people attended. 8 people attend the Fire Academy.

Had 2 fire call outs. Discussing fund raising events.

Treasurer – JenCarlson

Assistant Chief – Roy Carlson

Training Officer – Julie Phelan

Fee Increase resolution to apply 5% late fee to past due accounts. Councilperson Lawson 2024-003 moved to approve, Councilperson London seconded. M/C Unanimous.

Comments or questions from guests: Tanya Cash Osburn - re: transient rentals.

Miriam said we will discuss and investigate the issues involved.

Put on April 4, 2024 Agenda.

Steve Woolverton – do we have any influence on Winchester Lake water conditions? Write a letter to Idaho Fish and Game?

Travis Osburn can bills reflect full month payments????? Ask Black Mountain.

No further business. Councilperson Calkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson London seconded. M/C Unanimous.

LeAnn J Trautman, City Clerk

Miriam J Youngren, Mayor