

MINUTES OF THE WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

4 JANUARY 2024

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Winchester City Council was called to order by Mayor Youngren.
Council present: London, Calkins, Lawson and Tannahill

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilperson Calkins moved to approve the bills and fund transfers. Councilperson Tannahill seconded. Motion carried Unanimous.

Accept November 2023 Election. Uncontested race so no election was held.

Mayor – Miriam Youngren 4 years

Councilperson – Deydra Morris 4 years

Councilperson – Lawrence Tannahill 4 years

Mayor and Council were sworn in. Clerk swore in Mayor, Mayor swore in Councilmembers.

Mike Haight, City Maintenance Superintendent presented his monthly report:

Well #4 down after Christmas. Parts are on order.

Repaired bucket on backhoe – rebuilt bottom of bucket and replaced linkage to front bucket.

Jub Engineering report was presented. DEQ review may take a month – should be mid February.

Bid window will be 4 to 6 weeks. Open bids in March and review bids with Council and April.

Corp of Engineers grant we still are waiting for their grant awards.

Jeremy Heft, Fire Chief report.

One fire reported on Lawyer street – 2 rv's November 30.

Did not receive the grant funds for new turn outs. All of our turnouts are outdated.

Most of them need to be replaced.

Santa parade a success.

Ice Rescue Class on February 3rd. Probably be held at Community Center.

21 fire department call outs. 15 active incidents.

90 calls for QRU in 2023.

Delay in delivery of new QRU. In Caldwell.

Jeremy's submitted his resignation – moving back to Jersey. Effective February 13th, 2023.

26 years in the City. 23 years with the Winchester Fire Dept.

Pre approval of Liquor, Beer and Wine licenses pending proof of State and County licenses.

Messenger Investments LLC - Beer and Wine
Marshall Meats LLC – Beer and Wine
Winchester Kitchen and Bar – Liquor, Beer and Wine.

Councilperson Calkins moved to approve pending proof of state and county licenses. Councilperson Lawson seconded. M/C Unanimous.

Discussion regarding late fees for utility bills. Suggestion is to go from a flat fee of \$5 monthly to a percentage of past due balances. This will require a new resolution and a public hearing. Councilperson Lawson moved to set public hearing for February 1, 7:00 p.m. with regular meeting to follow. Councilperson London seconded. M/C Unanimous.

Comments from guest. Patricia Fjerstad had comments regarding bonuses, wages and rate increases.

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

LeAnn J Trautman, City Clerk

Miriam J Youngren, Mayor