# CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Winfield, Kansas

July 17, 2023

The Board of City Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, July 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission-Community Council Meeting Room, City Hall; Presiding Officer Brenda K. Butters presiding. Commissioner Ronald E. Hutto was also present. Mayor Gregory N. Thompson was absent. Also in attendance were Taggart Wall, City Manager; Tania Richardson, City Clerk and William E. Muret, City Attorney. Other staff members present were Patrick Steward, Director of Public Improvements and Gus Collins, Director of Utilities.

Presiding Officer Butters noted Mayor Thompson as absent and dispensed with roll call.

Commissioner Hutto moved that the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting be approved as presented. Commissioner Butters seconded the motion. With both Commissioners voting aye, motion carried.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Boy Scout Troops 318 and 1318 appeared before the Commission in order to observe a Commission Meeting to satisfy a requirement for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill No. 2348 – An Ordinance – Amending Chapter 10, Sections 151, 153, 165, 167, related to Animals, of the Winfield City Code. City Manager Wall explains that this Ordinance amends the City holding time for animals from 5 days to 3 days. Upon motion by Commissioner Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Butters, both Commissioners voting aye, Bill No. 2348 was adopted and numbered Ordinance No. 4201.

**Bill No. 2349 – A Resolution** – of the City of Winfield, Kansas notifying the County Clerk of the intent to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. City Manager Wall explains that the proposed mill levy of 50.750 will lower the mill levy 3.678 mills, establishing the lowest mill rate since 2008. Upon motion by Commissioner Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Butters, both Commissioners voting aye, Bill No. 2349 was adopted and numbered Resolution No. 4223.

Bill No. 2350 – A Resolution – Determining the existence of certain nuisances at 2001 Fuller St in the City of Winfield, Kansas, and authorizing further action pursuant to the City Code of said City. Director of Public Improvements Steward explains that this Resolution allows one more notice to the property owner before authorizing further action. Upon motion by Commissioner Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Butters, both Commissioners voting aye, Bill No. 2350 was adopted and numbered Resolution No. 4323.

**Bill No. 2351 – A Resolution** – Determining the existence of certain nuisances at 1301 E 7<sup>th</sup> Ave in the City of Winfield, Kansas, and authorizing further action pursuant to the City Code of said City. Director of Public Improvements Steward explains that this Resolution allows one more notice to the property owner before authorizing further action. Upon motion by Commissioner Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Butters, both Commissioners voting aye, Bill No. 2351 was adopted and numbered Resolution No. 4423.

Bill No. 2352 – A Resolution – Determining the existence of certain nuisances at 1015 Cherry St in the City of Winfield, Kansas, and authorizing further action pursuant to the City Code of said City. Director of Public Improvements Steward explains that this Resolution allows one more notice to the property owner before authorizing further action. Upon motion by Commissioner Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Butters, both Commissioners voting aye, Bill No. 2352 was adopted and numbered Resolution No. 4523.

Bill No. 2353 – A Resolution – Fixing the time and place and providing for notice of a public hearing before the Governing Body of the City of Winfield, Kansas, regarding the condemnation of a certain structure in the City of Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas. (815 Main St) Director of Public Improvements Steward explains that this Resolution establishes a time for a hearing regarding the condemnation of a certain structure at 815 Main Street. Upon motion by Commissioner Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Butters, both Commissioners voting aye, Bill No. 2353 was adopted and numbered Resolution No. 4623.

## OTHER BUSINESS

-Consideration of the purchase of a new backhoe loader. Replaces a 1997 JCB Backhoe Loader. Director of Utilities Collins explains the staff recommendation is to proceed with the purchase of the Caterpillar Backhoe Loader from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$150,000. Commissioner Hutto moved to accept the bid from Foley Equipment for the backhoe. Commissioner Butters seconded the motion, both Commissioners voting aye, motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Butters, both Commissioners voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Signed and sealed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

Signed and approved this 7th day of August 2023.

Gregory N. Thompson, Mayor