

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WINTHROP CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 02, 2022

The Winthrop City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 02, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Gerald Dennie presiding. Council Members present: Melissa Hesner, Brian Kelchen, Jim Loughren, Ann Myers and Lee White. Individuals Present: Mike Becker/E.B.Telephone General Manager, Missy Cook/Library Board Representative, Lisa Kremer/Econ. Dev. Director, PWD Nick Krum and City Clerk Mary Ryan. M/S/C= Motion, Second and Carried.

M/S/C Hesner, Loughren to approve the Consent Agenda: prior minutes (February 2, 2022), current bills, Pool Board Member/Katie Reck and current financial report. All ayes.

Library Activity Report presented by Missy Cook. Lisa Kremer presented Buchanan County Economic Development Activity Report. Mike Becker spoke on changing dynamics, costs of phone, fiber and wireless internet and interest in switching water antenna lease to annual terms. Discussion on policy for cost allocation to new subdivisions and franchise agreement status. M/S/C Myers, White to approve renewal of one year lease with E.B. Telephone for \$2000 per year, continue providing free internet, 50 Mbps to Library and Fire Department and additionally to provide free internet 50 Mbps to the sewer plant. All ayes. Addendum to original lease will be prepared.

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m. on budget (07/01/22-06/30/23). No oral or written comments. M/S/C Kelchen, Hesner to close public hearing. All ayes. Public Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m. M/S/C White, Myers to Approve Resolution 22-03, approving annual budget fiscal year ending 06/30/23. All ayes. M/S/C Kelchen, Loughren to approve Resolution 22-04, setting salaries/wages for employees of the city. All ayes.

M/S/C Hesner, Myers to approve hiring Tree Tender (.30 cents per mile from Jesup) and \$200 per tree to move two trees donated by Gary McElroy, from his residence to the park. Location and species type to be determined by Mayor. All ayes. M/S/C White, Kelchen to approve contract with TruGreen for ash tree injection at park. \$150 (protects for two years). All ayes.

M/S/C Loughren, Kelchen to approve replacement copier/City Clerk's Office, Access Systems, \$1246.38. All ayes.

M/S/C Kelchen, Myers to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.