

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WINTHROP CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 03, 2025

The Winthrop City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 03, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. ROLL CALL: Mayor Dennie, Council Members: Melissa Hesner, Brian Kelchen, Jim Loughren, Ann Myers and Lee White. Individuals Present: Troy Studor, Gary McElroy, Dan Walter, John Kerkove, Joni Brace, Government Students, Nick Krum (PWD) and Mary Ryan (City Clerk). M/S/C= Motion, Second and Carried.

M/S/C Hesner, Myers to approve the agenda. All ayes. M/S/C Myers, Loughren to approve the Consent Agenda: prior meeting minutes (August 6, 2025), current bills, current financial report, Res. 25-06 (Yr End Financial Report 07/01/24-06/30/25), Res. 25-07 (GASB Stmt. 54/classification of year end fund balances), Res. 25-08 (Year End Street Report 07/01/24-06/30/25), Res. 25-09 (Street closure Trunk-or-Treat/Oct. 25th), Res. 25-10 (Street closure Christmas-on-Madison/Dec. 7th), Res. 25-11 (Updated credit card policy), Res. 25-12 (add to Shelter Rental Fees/non-profits no charge), and Parade application/E.B. Student Council/Sept. 12th. All ayes.

Dan Walter and John Kerkove presented information on the upcoming EMS Levy vote and provided the following website to view information: <https://www.buchanancountyems.info/>.

Recent inspection revealed that the current water plant will need to be replaced. It will be a 2-3year process. M/S/C White, Hesner to approve signing contract with Fehr-Graham, \$23,500, to prepare Preliminary Engineering Report (PER); required for State Revolving Loan (SRF) financing and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) financing. All ayes.

Mayor Dennie presented information from conference call with Delhi's splash pad contractor. Splash pad in close proximity of water plant to house equipment, and keep pump size small, is critical to keeping total cost of project low.

M/S/C Kelchen, Loughren to proceed with having contractor grind shelter concrete, exposing aggregate. All ayes.

M/S/C Myers, Kelchen to have Jeff Childers proceed with completing building permit variance for construction of shed with 12' sidewalls; due to shed being located next to City property and close to railroad property. All ayes.

M/S/C White, Hesner to fix emergency sewer repairs at First St. and Hamilton St. All ayes.

M/S/C White, Kelchen to send out Request For Proposals (RFP) for City attorney.

Sidewalk repairs and concrete grant requirements discussed.

M/S/C Hesner, Loughren to approve setting public hearing and First Reading on 2024 Legislative Changes for October 1st, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Winthrop City Hall Building:
Ord. 216 (Changes in Bond Requirements for City Officials), Ord. 217 (relating to Electronic Meetings), Ord. 218 (relating to Operating Budget Preparation of a City), Ord. 219 (relating to publication of minutes), Ord. 220 (relating to Fire Dept. authority to cite violations), Ord. 221 (relating to adult establishments as nuisances), Ord. 222 (relating to pedestrians in the right-of-way), Ord. 223 (relating to Iowa Supreme Court decision on sidewalks). All ayes.

M/S/C Myers, Kelchen to approve setting public hearing and First Reading on 2025 Legislative Changes for October 1st, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Winthrop City Hall Building:
Ord 224 (relating to compensation of volunteer emergency providers and dual service of city council members), Ord 225 (relating to retail alcohol licenses), Ord 226 (relating to service animals), Ord 227 (publication requirements for public hearings), Ord 228 (cigarette and tobacco regulations), Ord 229 (Fireworks/Iowa Code changes). All ayes.

M/S/C White Myers to set public hearing and First Reading on Ord. 215-Special Sewer Rates, for October 1st, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Winthrop City Hall Building. All ayes. M/S/C Kelchen, Hesner to set public hearing and First Reading on Ord. 230-Establishing a Golf Cart Ordinance, for October 1st, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Winthrop City Hall Building. All ayes. M/S/C Hesner, Myers to set public hearing on Ord 231-Restricted Residence Permit-Adding-special permit variances requested for a permanent structure less than five feet from the property line shall require a survey of the property, completed by a professionally licensed land surveyor/engineer and be attached to the special permit at the time of application. All ayes.

Brace, 354 W Monroe, discussion on water problem at residence. City has contacted contractor and are waiting for installation of drainage tile. McElroy discussion on sheriff sale and nuisance property procedures/455 W Adams.

THANK YOU TO BUCHANAN COUNTY HEALTH TRUST FOR AWARDED A GRANT TO THE CITY OF WINTHROP, \$8,498.58, FOR AN ADA CHAIR LIFT FOR THE SWIMMING POOL!

M/S/C Myers, Kelchen to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.