

May 22, 2018

Special Council Meeting

The Winchester City Council held a special council meeting May 22, 2018 at city hall to discuss Water System Improvements, appointment to Library Board, USDA Grant, Development of Coultas Property, Summer Help and Shirts for City employees. Mayor Rex McIntire called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following council members present: Ron Bell, Lawrence Coultas, Randy Fisher, Terry Gregory, Bill Jacquot and Brenda Robinson, City Clerk. Jeff Pittman was absent.

Also in attendance were Amy Brown, City Treasurer; John Simmons, Supt of Public Works; John Paul Coonrod, City Attorney; Carmean Ensigner, *Scott County Times*; and Reg Benton, Benton & Associates.

Reg Benton, Benton & Associates did a quick overview of the agreement he talked about at the May 2 meeting. The format is to be eligible for USDA funding. It could have favorable terms. This agreement is consistent with past agreements as far as scope. He would not know what is needed until they spend about \$25,000 of work and put together the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report). Need to approve an engineering agreement tonight so we can get started. The city has a mechanism to stop the agreement if USDA funding dries up. There will be two (2) contracts with the project. This will help the city tremendously, with having the extra storage. The 150,000 gallon tank will have a mixing station. The city should have 1 -2 days of water storage in the air. They will be looking at the 2006 proposal and work within it. There is a loop out by the nursing home which will be a big help. The water line will not be dedicated to just the tank, he doesn't think there will be many lines off it. USDA would not allow a tank too large for the city. It is \$15,000 for the PER and may go to \$25,000. He thinks it is a solid investment for the city. This is up to 40% grant but not a guarantee. With a new tank you would be able to use it in case the other tank needs repairs.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Lawrence Coultas seconded to approve an engineering agreement with Benton & Associates for the water system improvements, dated May 2, 2018. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Bill Jacquot asked if Benton & Associates were involved in the swimming pool 10 years ago. The liner is 10 years old and has reached its limit. There are a few tears and the welds on the gutters are breaking and since it is a stainless steel it may create problem with the liner. Need to get someone in this fall to look at this. Don't do the work until early next year.

Mayor McIntire said the first thing on the agenda for him was to appoint Kevin Evans to the Library Board to fill the vacancy of Ellie Peak, who recently passed away.

MOTION: Ron Bell moved and Randy Fisher seconded to appoint Kevin Evans to the Library Board effective immediately. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

McIntire received an email from Bill Sleeman about the electrical and landscaping work for the USDA grant. He has sent out a schedule for the work with a pre-bid meeting May 29 at 10 a.m. and a bids need to be received by June 5 at 10 a.m. for opening. June 6 is the next regular council meeting. Bids will be looked over to make sure everything is ok and will be discussed at the council meeting.

McIntire said we need to decide what kind of light poles we want to put around the square. **Randy Fisher** called a company about light poles for Douglas Park. Bob Dossier will put something together for council approval. Taller lights are needed on the outside of the park. Twelve poles with lights are needed. He suggested a 10-foot pole.

Lawrence Coultas contacted someone as well. They are LED light, can be controlled by a computer. The poles are not included in the electrical bids.

McIntire would like to do recreational development on the Coultas property. He asked the girls in the office look up information about little league grant sites for ball parks. He would like to use 3 – 4 acres for ballparks. Ameren did the work at the softball diamond at the school. Look at this for next year since crops are on it now. The city has to own the property to get grants.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Randy Fisher said it was mentioned to purchase new t-shirts for city employee with City of Winchester on them. Becky Wade gave a bid of \$8 each. Ron Bell suggested after the employee leaves they turn the shirts back in. It was decided to purchase shirts for all employees and will be the lime green.

Fisher talked about summer help. He had 2 applications but today there were 6 applications. One does not qualify. The committee has not had time to interview and will have recommendation at the next meeting.

Bill Jacquot asked in the office if they had a current hay contact and we do. This is the last year for their contract. There is some Johnson grass at the lagoons. We did get some fertilizer applied this year at the cemetery.

MOTION: Ron Bell moved and Bill Jacquot seconded to adjourn. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.



Rex McIntire, Mayor



Brenda Robinson, City Clerk