

June 3, 2026

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Winchester City Council held their monthly meeting June 3, 2026 at City Hall.

Mayor McIntire called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following council in attendance: Jeff Pittman, Melinda Hembrough, Terry Gregory, Gerald Evans, Jack Daniels, Bill Jacquot and City Clerk Teri Little.

Also, in attendance were Wanda Cody, City Treasurer; John Paul Coonrod, City Attorney; Carmen Ensinger, River County News; Stevie VanDeVelde, Winchester Civic Group and Don Campbell.

Mayor McIntire led those attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wanda Cody, City Treasurer presented bills for approval.

MOTION: Jack Daniels moved and Terry Gregory seconded to pay the bills as presented. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor McIntire asked for any corrections for the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2026.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Bill Jacquot seconded to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular May 6, 2026 meeting. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Stevie VanDeVelde, Winchester Civic Group, advised they are not having a July meeting. Trash cans are here and tables should be here around July 3 thru the 10. Ended up with 8 tables and will decide on plaques once tables are here.

Glow run will be 07-16-2026 after music in on the park and will be red white and blue theme.

Car show will be 07-18-2026. Chad Suhre is in charge this year.

Bill Jacquot, Alderman, update on the pool for the first 10 days have had 662 attended which is average of about 66 per day. Everything is running smooth. Pool board would like to add two additional lifeguards. Dallas Surratt and Andrew Coker.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Jack Daniels seconded to approve hiring 2 additional lifeguards as requested by pool board. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Jeff Pittman, Alderman, advised Roodhouse was in need of additional room for a few dogs for a few days and requested that the city assist. Held a couple dogs for a few days and then they returned to Roodhouse pound and they in turn took the small dog we had been holding for 2 months to try and adopt out.

Wanda Cody, Treasurer, presented monthly financial reports.

Have a CD that will come due in July for the cemetery will call around for rates.

John Simmons, City Superintendent, monthly report submitted

Work orders – 17; Locates – 31 Locates called by John 12; Funerals. Graves – 3; Water leaks – 1; Gas leak calls – 3; Monthly sniff test – 1; Monthly odorant readings – 1: Monthly brush pickup – 2 days; Mowing city properties – 1.5 days; Water shed bulk - \$416.25; Trash pickup 3 days a week plus weekends; Daily cleaning park bathrooms; Monthly meter reading & re-adds; Monthly disconnects; Cleaning drains after rain; Finally pool working after several leaks; Helped Atkinson with trailer demo; Several water plant problems; painted diving board stands – pool; Worked on all last year grave sites(seeded and graveled); Gas line hit repair gas crew and USDI; Installed new culvert pipe on lagoon road – 2 days; Turned on water outside spicket library; Municipal court – 1 morning; Ordinance violation – several; Bathroom damage – park; Cold patch streets; Put up slow children sign – Willow Drive; Installed gas service – new house Mike Brown; Several truck repairs – Marshalls; Tearing out sidewalk at new gas station.

Received quote from Lomelino Sign Co for new welcome sign for west end of town. It will come in under \$500.00 and will get 6 x 6's and braces to install.

MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Melinda Hembrough seconded to approve purchasing new welcome sign from Lomelino Signs for \$500.00. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Needing new lawn mower for city mowing that the city crew still does. The old one is on its last leg and will not be usable much longer. Checked with Sloan Implement and can get new commercial mower with municipality discount for \$13,980.00 and with trade in of old mower for \$1800.00 total will be \$12,130.00.

MOTION: Jack Daniels moved and Gerald Evans seconded to approve the purchase of lawn mower from Sloan Implement for \$12,130.00. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

The city water plant truck is needing to be repaired or replaced. It is a 2006. New parts will be around \$7922.51. Used parts are \$5177.51. Marshalls has a couple used trucks on the lot now. A 2024 ½ ton crew cab 4 cylinder with 24,000 miles and asking \$38,995.00. A 2025 ½ ton with 44,360 miles for \$45,795.00

MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Gerald Evans seconded to approve the purchase of 2024 ½ ton Silverado from Marshalls Chevrolet not to exceed \$38,995.00. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Steve Doolin, Police Chief, monthly report;

Animal complaint – 5; Arrests – 2; Assist EMS – 11; Assist outside agency(police) – 3; Assist fire department/fire – 1; Assist motorist – 2; Attempt to locate – 1; Building alarm – 1; DCFS – 1; Domestic disturbance – 1; Found property returned – 1; Gas leak – 1; Investigations – 1; Noise complaint – 3; Property damage – 1; Speak to an officer – 16; Suicidal subject/mental health – 3; Suspicious person – 1; Suspicious vehicle = 1; Traffic control – 3; Traffic stops – citations – 5; Traffic stops/verbal warnings – 11; Training drill – 1; Vehicle complaint – 2; Well-being checks – 1.

The new Tahoe transmission has been replaced and the motor on the police truck has been replaced as well.

Still waiting on appointment to have new decals added to Tahoe.

Has had calls with issue on a closed/abandoned alley from East Jefferson to Park St. The residents on S Walnut use this to access the back of their properties but a resident on Jefferson is blocking the access to this road. Need to look into if this is a legal alley.

Rex McIntire, Mayor, appointed Steve Northrop to replace Roger Pratt on the library board.

Progress on the Lincoln statue. Have had several people stop and advise will be donating. Spoke with Reg Ankrom that has written many books on Lincoln. He will come talk to the council in a month or two.

Advised spoke with Reg Ankrom on a better rate for electricity. Will have a package for residents Thursday. John Simmons advised a letter to commissioners advised rates for them are 13.19 per KW and Ameren is 11.32 per KW at this time but this can go up in the next month or two. This will be a set rate and residents will have the option to opt out if they choose. This is something that has been done in past years, however, the past couple years the rates have not been cheaper. May have to have a special session to approve if going with this package or not.

Spoke with Fire Chief Bryan Taylor and he will be coming next month to advise on grants that they are applying for and one is for a new fire engine. They had OSHA inspections and had a couple citations that they are working on.

Currently having a gun raffle to raise funds.

John Paul Coonrod, City Attorney, municipal court update. There were 4 presented with 2 dismissed and 2 fined. Presented 3 new municipal citations.

1. Lloyd Camerer – Lewis St for junk, trash and weeds.
2. Ian Callahan – Elm St for weeds, inoperable vehicles and junk.
3. Earl Smith – Broadway St for debris, tall grass and junk.

MOTION: Jack Daniels moved and Melinda Hembrough seconded to approve 3 municipal citations. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Presented Annual Appropriations ordinance to review for approval next month.

No Public Comments.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Gerald Evans seconded to move to closed session. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.


MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Jack Daniels seconded to move to open session. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Melinda Hembrough seconded to approve the mayor to speak with John Simmons about salary, zoning and ordinance position. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Jack Daniels seconded to increase animal control pay as discussed. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

No Public Comments.

MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Terry Gregory second to adjourn 10:50 pm. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.



Rex McIntire, Mayor



Teri Little, City Clerk