

September 2, 2026

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Winchester City Council held their monthly meeting September 2, 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; AJ McAdams, Police Chief; Jon Anderson, Hoerr Construction; Stevie VanDeVelde, Civic Group.

Mayor McIntire wanted to make note of residents recently lost. Mike and Cuban Brockhouse and Shirley Evans.

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 Melinda Hembrough 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 August 5, 2026.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Melinda Hembrough seconded to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 5, 2026 meeting. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Greg Hillis, Benton Engineering, advised that need to get meeting together with Bill Jacquot, John Simmons and Jim Dobson to go over what is needed at the pool for the pump and drain.

Will schedule a special council meeting September 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM to discuss the pool issues

Jon Anderson, Hoerr Construction, present to advise the council on what services his company provides. They repair and rehab sewers. The company was started in 1993 in Goodfield Il. In the presentation he shown how the trenchless offerings are beneficial and save time and money for municipalities. They provide Cured-In-Place Pipelining, Lateral Rehabilitation, Water Main and Pressure Pipe CIPP, Culvert Rehabilitation, Manhole Rehabilitation, Infiltration Control, Geopolymer Applications. Inspection Services, Directional Boring and Potholing & Hydro Excavation.

Stevie VanDeVelde, Civic Group, wanted to say thank you to the city workers for getting the tables set up in the park. Working on getting plaques done to add to tables.

Will be having Harvest Fest on Sunday October 18, 2026. Asking to block part of the square. Will be having food trucks, pumpkin painting, live music, sidewalk chalk and pumpkin glow. Also, having a vintage market from 8 am to 2 pm.

December will bring Hometown Christmas on December 5th from 9 am to 3 pm. Will be having festival of trees again at the museum, crafts, Santa and vendors.

The high school Key Club will be handling the Christmas parade again this year and request to shut the square down again to ensure no cars on square for safety.

AJ McAdams, Police Chief, supplied report:

Calls for service – 45; Traffic stops – 11; Providing mutual aid – 15; Officer initiated contacts – 11; Total activity – 83; Scotts Law violation; Pursuit; School threat intervention.

Advised of upcoming training for himself and officer Hunter Drake. Will attend Taser 10 training.

Department updates and initiatives:

1. Working to establish eCitation procedures and complete the necessary equipment setup within the department.
2. Maintained a visible presence in the community through proactive patrol.
3. Provided officer presence at high school home football games to promote safety and maintain a positive community presence.
4. Provided officer presence at the “Protect Our Children” rally to help ensure safety and security of attendees and community members.
5. Attended school drop off to provide a visible officer presence and promote safety for students, parents and staff.

Provided mockup of new uniform shirts and pant would like to order.

Mayor McIntire wants to have an ordinance made up to address the E bikes and scooters as they are very dangerous and something needs to be done. Chief McAdams stated that Dillons Law goes into effect 01/01/2027 but will get with John Paul and go over what we can do.

Wanda Cody, Treasurer, presented monthly financial reports.

No audit results to report. Should be ready for October meeting.

There are 2 CD's coming due. One is for the TIF fund and the Milliken library CD.

Farmers State Bank came in with the highest rates. 9 months at 3.8%, 18 months 4.00%. It was decided to go with 9 months at 3.8 % for both.

Millikin interest is \$4,096.00 and TIF is \$112,150.59.

Teri Little, Clerk, presented 9 closed session minutes for review and release.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Terry Gregory seconded to approve not releasing closed session minutes of 10/01/2025 and 02/04/2026. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Approved closed minutes to release are:

August 6, 2025; November 5, 2025; December 3, 2025; December 22, 2025; May 6, 2026; June 3, 2026; June 24, 2026;

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Jeff Pittan seconded to approve release of closed session minutes. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

John Simmons, City Superintendent, monthly report submitted

Work orders – 15; Locate tickets – 22; Funerals, graves – 1; Monthly brush pick up – 2 days; Monthly sniff test; Monthly odorant readings; Monthly meter reading – 3 days; Wrapped up all concrete work at new gas station; Plugged pipes at lagoons, Doyle jetted the out; 4 days of dura-patching; Mowing – 2 days; Shredding – 2 days; Sweeping streets; Wrapped up concrete work at UCB Bank; Had Doyle jet out some sewers; Got old 4500 truck back; Put in new larger gas service at John Coonrod; Patching street; Lowered flags to ½ staff for Dolly; Fixed big sink hole on bridge Commercial Street; Spraying road sides; Put in new meter pit and meter at Caleb Handy's house on N Main St.

Advised that September 9-11 Jim Dobson will be attending IPWSOA Annual Conference in Springfield at the Crowne Plaza.

October 7-8 ICC Small Operator Gas Pipeline Safety Conference in Springfield for Joseph and Hayden.

Have 2 sewer repairs on High St and S Main St. Rouland Construction will be assisting and will start September 3rd.

Installed 2 gas services with assistance from Miller Welding.

Rex McIntire, Mayor, presented the annual renewal for the Scott County Development Corp for \$1000.00

MOTION: Melinda Hembrough moved and Terry Gregory seconded to approve annual enrollment Scott County Development Association. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

John Paul Coonrod, City Attorney, presented Ordinance 1009. This is to create a Class A liquor license and do away with a Class E license. The Class A license will be awarded to BJ's Diner.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Jeff Pittman second to approve Ordinance 1009. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

The new owners, Tim and Mason, would like to be able to sell prior to the 1 pm time on Sunday's. They have been approached by several customers requesting a bloody mary or mimosa bar. As the ordinance stands today Monday thru Saturday sales are 7 AM to 1 AM and Sundays are 1 PM to 1 AM. The council agreed that the ordinance will remain as it stands. They do not feel that on Sunday sales should not be earlier.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Jack Daniels seconded to move to closed session. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

There are no new citations for passage. Jeff Pittman, new zoning officer, spoke to 5 residents and 4 out of 5 have been working on cleaning up.

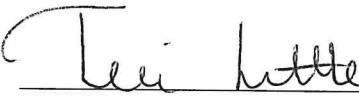
MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Melinda Hembrough seconded to move to open session. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Jack Daniels seconded to approve naming Joseph Hamilton Lead Man 1 and Josh Miller Lead Man 2. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Melinda Hembrough second to adjourn 10:40 pm. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.



Rex McIntire, Mayor



Teri Little, City Clerk