October 7, 2026

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Winchester City Council held their monthly meeting October 7, 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; Don Campbell; Stevie VanDeVelde, Civic Group.

Mayor McIntire wanted to make note of residents recently lost Harlan Fricke, Patti Howard Peterson and Darrell Clanton.

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

Wanda Cody, City Treasurer presented bills for approval.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Jack Daniels 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 September 2, 2026.

MOTION: Melinda Hembrough moved and Jeff Pittman seconded to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 2, 2026 meeting. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor McIntire asked for any corrections for the special meeting minutes of September 9, 2026.

MOTION: Jack Daniels moved and Melinda Hembrough seconded to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 9, 2026 special meeting. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Teri Little, City Clerk, advised for Library. Coad Window cleaners supplied a quote for window cleaning. Would be $1500.00 quarterly for outside only and $2475.00 inside and outside. This is high due to the number of windows and locations that require ladders.

Checked the basement for the mold issue. Need 2 additional dehumidifiers. One large room and one small room and also need to seal off the 2 rooms that have the dirt floors to assist in the moisture. Will get quotes for the dehumidifiers for November meeting.

Stevie VanDeVelde, Civic Group, asked about picnic tables and if close to being finished. John Simmons advised 2 left and would like to install this spring close to the pickle ball and basketball courts.

Advised Harvest Fest is October 18th from 8 am to 2 pm. It will include a vintage market, food truck, live music and pumpkin and face painting. Asking to have barricades to block of part of the square. The city crew will leave them out on Friday.

Hometown Christmas will be December 5th. The Kiwanians will kick off the day at Sibert Hall with pancake and sausage breakfast. Then 9-3 will be vendors, Josh Cannon will be at the legion with his trains. Kids crafts 10-1, festival of trees at the museum and the library will have activity that day as well. First Christian Church will have their traditional cookie walk and First Baptist Church will have a soup and sandwich supper early evening before the Christmas Parade that will be held by the High School Key Club. Would like to close the square off at 5 pm so no cars will be on square. City police will lead the parade with Santa.

AJ McAdams, Police Chief, supplied report:

Calls for service – 43; Traffic stops – 19; Providing mutual aid – 18; Citations – 8; Arrests – 4; Active patrol investigation – 20

Department Updates / Needs;

2021 Silverado new transmission installed. Needs 4 new tires, rear brake pads and rotors. Estimate from Marshall Chevrolet for 2 tires is $1,471.00. Quote from Wellenreiter for 4 tires and the brakes is $1,355.58.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Jack Daniels seconded to approve quote from Wellenreiter for $1355.58 for 4 tires brake pads, rotors and alignment. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Presented quote for $2,240.73 from Ray O'Herron for 9 sets of shirts and pants for uniforms. Will have logo on shirt. They are made of a more breathable material that will be better worn under the vests. Will just get the long sleeve shirts now and short sleeve later.

MOTION: Jack Daniels moved and Terry Gregory seconded to approve purchase of uniforms for Police Dept. 9 sets. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Request to purchase 2021 Ford Explorer Interceptor fully equipped for approximately $27,828.00 from Marshall Cheverolet.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Jeff Pittman seconded to approve purchase of 2021 Ford Explorer fully loaded for Police $27,828.00 from Marshall Cheverolet. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

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MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Jack Daniels seconded to approve partition and install in white SUV for $1300.00. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Received quote from Canham Graphics for new police decals for $615.00 per car.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Bill Jacquot seconded to approve Quote from Canham Graphics for all three cars at $615.00 each. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Would like to send a new hire to full time academy at SWIC. Applications are due by November 30th and power test on December 1st. Start date would be January 4, 2027 and graduation April 23, 2027. Tuition, lodging and meals total $7,347.10 (reimbursed) upon completion of the academy. Council will put ad in paper to accept applications for new officer and decide at November meeting.

Advised he and Office Drake successfully completed the 2-day taser instructor course.

Wanda Cody, Treasurer, presented monthly financial reports.

Distributed the Audit draft and asked if any questions to let her know.

Bill Jacquot, Alderman, reported that there are issues with displaced stones in the cemetery. The committee et on 09/22/2026 to discuss on how to approach the issues. On 09/24/2026 Jack Daniesl, Gerald Evans and John Simmons met with Rick Willis to ask him to make right. Provided copies of pictures. He stated would go thru and fix the and contact Daws to fix the broken one.

Willis asked if when putting out for mowing bid next season would think of separating the north and south sides.

John Simmons, City Superintendent, monthly report submitted:

Work orders -17; Locate tickets – 19; Funerals, graves – 6; Monthly brush pickup; Monthly sniff test – 1; Monthly odorant reading – 1; Monthly meter reading; Installed new water service – 1; Water leaks – 5; Gas leaks, regulator – 1; New gas service to Jimmy Neff – 1; Replaced gas meter set at 45 N Walnut – 1; Helped Rouland Contractor repair sewer on High St; Had meeting with mower contractor; mowed city properties; Oiled and chipped a few streets; Marked out several headstone sites for Daws; Painted more curbs; Installed new sign at west end of town; Replaced air release valve at sewer plant; Fixed 3 bad curve valves.

Advised that there is a tree on right of way on N Maple that needs to be taken down. Received a quote from Danny Powel for $1000.00.

Need to get bids on cleaning wells.

There is a trailer on Cross St that needs to be removed. It is a hazard.

Rex McIntire, Mayor, received information on the Emergency Air Vac plans offered if anyone wanted to look them over.

Advised request for FOIA requests are 1-50 pages free and 50+ is 15 cents a page.

Would like to recommend the increase of the monthly infrastructure fee from $5.00 to $10.00. Attorney John Paul Coonrod presented resolution 2026-10-02 to raise to $10.00 per month starting 01/01/2027.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Jack Daniels second to approve resolution 2026-10-02 increase of infrastructure increase of $5.00 to $10.00. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Would like to advertise to sell the old police Tahoe. This will be surplus property. Clerk Teri Little will get with Chief McAdams on Tahoe and create a bid packet.

John Paul Coonrod, City Attorney, presented resolution 2026-10-01 for the Scott County multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazzard Mitigation Plan. This is a collaborated effort for FEMA funds. This identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Winchester from the impacts of future hazards and disasters.

MOTION: Jeff Pittman moved and Jack Daniels second to approve resolution 2026-10-01 Scott County multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazzard Mitigation Plan. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

The zoning committee advised they were denying the zoning waiver request from single residential district to conservation district to have 1 to 2 horses, a barn and fence. The vote to deny was due to nature of neighborhood now and in future.

MOTION: Terry Gregory moved and Melinda Hembrough seconded to approve the decision of the zoning board to deny the request. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

The zoning committee approved the zoning waiver from FS to change zoning from conservation to highway business district. This zoning change is provided in Ordinance 1010.

MOTION: Gerald Evans moved and Jeff Pittman seconded to approve the decision of the zoning board to approve request to change from conservation to highway business district Ordinance 1010. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1011 provided was to amend the ordinance regulating the operation of the non-highway vehicles within the city of Winchester. This updates to add the clarification on E-bikes and electric scooters. Any vehicle that travels over 20 miles per hour are not be allowed on any sidewalks unless when crossing the same to go into a yard or parking lot. Also, these are not allowed on Cherry St, Route 106, as this is deemed a state highway and also on old US Route 36. This ordinance also will allow golf carts to be on the town square.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Terry Gregory seconded to approve Ordinance 1011 E-Bikes and non-highway vehicles. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Two municipal citations were presented.

1. Ian Callahan – 150N Elm St. for weeds and inoperable vehicles.
2. Kim Roberts – 23 Arch St for junk, trash, and weeds.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Terry Gregory seconded to approve 2 municipal citations issued. Roll call resulted in 5 yeas and Jeff Pittman Abstain. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Bill Jacquot provided the pool expense for payroll and income from the 2026 year. This is attached. Teri Little requested to block off the square for the annual Trunk or Treat event on October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30. This was approved and also trick or treating will be the same evening from 5 pm to 8 pm.

MOTION: Bill Jacquot moved and Jeff Pittman seconded to approve to adjourn 10:15 pm. Roll call resulted in all yeas. Motion carried.

Rex McIntire, Mayor

Teri Little, City Clerk