

# City of Willow Springs

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## Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020

City Hall, 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Brooke Fair, Alderman Danny Bradley, Alderman Susan Rackley, Alderman Troy Yonker, Alderman Phill Knott, City Administrator Beverly Hicks, City Clerk Alicia Worley, City Attorney Zane Privette, City Marshal Bryan Hogan.

**Guest:** Jeff Ward, Amanda Mendez

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Announcement of Quorum: City Clerk Alicia Worley called the roll.

Mayor Fair opened the January meeting of the Board of Alderman at 5:01 pm with a quorum present.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion by Alderman Yonker, seconded by Alderman Bradley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Alderman Knott, seconded by Alderman Rackley to approve the Consent Agenda which included Approval of Minutes – (RM 12/19), Approval of Bills for Payment, Receipt of Financial Reports, and YMCA, Department Head's & Board's Reports. Motion carried 4-0.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**104 E. Main Street Discussion:** City Administrator Beverly Hicks stated Jared Nichols with Allgeier, Martin and Associates inspected the outside of the building on December 18, 2019. He does not feel the whole building will collapse. The cost could be \$50,000 to fix. There needs to be barricades in place blocking the sidewalk and parking areas adjacent with the building. If this is not taken care of this year, the engineer is not sure the building could be salvaged by next winter.

Troy Yonker would like to see us move forward and have a meeting with the owner, engineer, and contractor. Susan Rackley and Phill Knott agree.

**Fire Dept./USDA Grant Discussion:** City Administrator Beverly Hicks reminded council we have put money in the budget for a new fire truck. Hicks attended a meeting and was able to speak with someone regarding grants for a new truck. Hicks received an email with the documents and would need to have them turned in by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**Motion by Alderman Knott, seconded by Alderman Rackley to pursue the USDA Community Facilities Grant for a new fire truck. Motion carried 4-0.**

**915 Welch Dr. Re-Zone from 'R-1' to 'R-3':** City Clerk Alicia Worley explained the Planning & Zoning Committee met on Monday to discuss re-zoning 915 Welch Drive, owned by Jeff

Ward, from 'R-1' to 'R-3'. Phill Knott asked Jeff he was willing to bring the house up to code and Jeff said yes he is willing to speak with the inspector and do what he needs to.

**Motion by Alderman Yonker, seconded by Alderman Knott to read Bill No. 20-53. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Bill No. 20-53.**

**Bill No. 20-53**

**Ordinance No. 1553**

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 405 OF THE WILLOW SPRINGS CODE, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 915 WELCH DRIVE, WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI**

**Motion by Alderman Yonker, seconded by Alderman Knott to read Bill No. 20-53 as Ordinance No. 1553. Motion carried 4-0 and the clerk read Ordinance No. 1553.**

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**Motion by Alderman Yonker, seconded by Alderman Knott to adopt Ordinance No. 1553. A roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Bradley, Rackley, Yonker, Knott  
Nays: None**

**2019 Year End Review:** City Administrator Beverly Hicks highlighted items presented in the packet for the year 2019. The City expended around \$710,000 for transformers, manholes, lift stations, pipe, wire, etc.... this does not include labor. Hicks stated she needed to correct the amount expended for repair and maintenance of buildings, vehicles and equipment. She reported it was \$105,600 and it should have been \$137,700 to include the repairs to a well. We did get \$24,000 back from insurance for the well repairs.

Hicks reviewed the revenues:

- Personal Property Tax (City does not collect Real Property Tax) \$25,326.00
- Franchise Fees (gas, cable, phones) \$76,487.42
- Sales Tax \$934,697.00
- Use Tax \$77,000.00
- Vehicle/Motor Fuel Tax \$89,000.00
- Permits (business, building and liquor) \$17,642.00

This totals around 1.22 million of our 2019 revenue. User fees for electric, water and sewer came to around \$3.8 million in 2019. Fees for service, membership, court fines and rental roughly made up of \$367,000. Grant and insurance reimbursements \$58,500. The City sold assets of \$65,000 as well.

It is important to realize that it requires close to 4.0 million to maintain, repair and upgrade utility services like electric, water, sewer and streets. It also requires a budget of \$675,000 for fire, courts and police to support those departments. Consequently leaving only 1.3 million for parks, pool, golf, airport, administration, cemetery, maintenance of vehicles and buildings, library and YMCA support.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Alderman Rackley to move to executive session for (3) Personnel §610.021.  
Alderman Yonker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken:**

**Ayes: Rackley, Yonker, Knott, Bradley  
Nays: None**

**Motion by Alderman Knott, seconded by Alderman Yonker to adjourn executive session.  
Motion carried 4-0.**

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m. with no action taken.

**Motion by Alderman Yonker, seconded by Alderman Rackley to adjourn open session at 6:28p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

**CITY OF WILLOW SPRINGS**

**ATTEST:**

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Brooke Fair, Mayor

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Alicia Worley, City Clerk