



WINCHESTER CITY COMMISSION WRAP-UP

Information from the Tuesday, March 18, 4:30 p.m. special and 5:30 p.m. regular meetings

Commission accepts bid for Main Street High Side project

The Main Street High Side project is ready for the next step in the process.

The Winchester Board of Commissioners approved a bid for the project at the Tuesday, March 18, meeting.

The bid was awarded to The Allen Company for approximately \$3.49 million.

Sealed bids were first advertised Feb. 22, and were accepted until 2 p.m. Monday, March 17. At that time, city leadership opened and reviewed the bids to make a recommendation to the commission.

The next step for the project will be to schedule a pre-construction meeting.

This will be scheduled within the next week.

During the pre-construction meeting, documents and contracts will be signed. The Allen Company and city leadership will also work together to establish estimated construction start and end dates.

After this meeting, there will be monthly progress meetings between City staff and The Allen Company.

The Main Street High Side project is a City project to make improvements on the high side of Main Street between Broadway Street and Lexington Avenue.

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DON'T MISS THE NEXT MEETING!

The next meeting of the Winchester Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, April 1. There will be a 4:30 p.m. special meeting and a 5:30 p.m. regular meeting.

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IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the commission:

- heard a presentation from Director of Finance Alicia Mayabb to prepare for the budget process, which will take place over the next few months. Mayabb made recommendations to reduce the number of “transfers” in the budget.

- heard a presentation from Project Coordinator Mike Flynn about a bridge replacement study conducted on the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge, which is located at the intersection of Bypass Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Flynn recommended a \$1.43 million project to replace the bridge with a CON/SPAN bridge and widen the road to include right and left turn lanes, among other improvements. This recommendation was in place of previous bids of more than \$250,000 to just paint the bridge. The commission approved an agreement of modification of the project.

- heard comments from Winchester Fire Department Chief Chris Whitely and Tyler Tays, a local firefighter and vice president of the local firefighters union.

- approved a request for out-of-state travel for two Winchester Fire Department employees.

- approved out-of-state travel for Building Inspector Robert Rice.

- approved removing the two-hour parking signs on East Broadway from Main Street to Highland Street.

- approved a request to close Washington Street between Burns Avenue and Maple Street from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, for a community Easter egg hunt.

- approved a request from City Manager Dr. Bruce Manley to the Winchester-Clark County Planning and Zoning Commission to restrict first-floor residential use in the historic district overlay in downtown Winchester.

- deferred the second reading of an ordinance amending park policies. The deferral was to make changes to the age policies from parks to accommodate for adults with disabilities to still be able to use the parks. The policy will be amended and brought back to the commission for approval.

- approved the first reading of an amendment to the city’s nepotism policy. The amendment clarifies that no employee shall be directly supervised by a family member. The amendment will need a second reading.

- approved a contract with Palmer Engineering for engineering services for the Fifth Street stream restoration project. The project will be funded partially by \$350,000 in grant funds.

Craycraft promoted to police sergeant



During the March 18 meeting of the Winchester Board of Commissioners, Wesley Craycraft was promoted from police officer III to police sergeant. He was pinned by his wife, Holly, and his father, Capt. Harvey Craycraft, who also works for the Winchester Police Department.

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The goal of the project is to improve access for all users and enhance safety, mobility and the appearance of downtown Winchester.

The City was the recipient

of a Transportation Alternatives Program grant for \$4.44 million to fund construction of the project. This is an 80/20 grant, with the City covering 20 percent of the costs and the grant funding covering the additional costs.