



WINCHESTER CITY COMMISSION WRAP-UP

Information from the Thursday, June 26, 2025, special meeting

‘Special-purpose’ vehicles now allowed on city streets

An ordinance approved by the Winchester Board of Commissioners now allows “street-legal special purpose vehicles” on city streets.

The ordinance, passed on second reading during the June 26 commission meeting, stems from Senate Bill 63, which was enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2025 legislative session.

According to the ordinance, “the City of Winchester recognizes the potential benefits of allowing ‘street-legal special purpose vehicles,’ including enhanced

transportation options, support for rural economies, and promotion of adventure tourism.”

“Street-legal special purpose vehicles” are defined in the ordinance as vehicles such as ATVs, UTVs, minitrucks, and certain military vehicles that have been modified or purpose-built to meet specific safety and equipment requirements, allowing them to be legally operated on public roads. This includes vehicles that are self-constructed or modified, provided they meet all applicable

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**DON'T MISS
THE NEXT
MEETING!**

**The Winchester
Board of
Commissioners will
meet at 4:30 p.m.
and 5:30 p.m. on
Tuesday, July 15.**

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regulations.

The ordinance, which went into effect on June 27, requires these vehicles to have safety

features such as headlights, brake lights, mirrors, turn signals, windshields, roll bars, seatbelts, and appropriate tires. The vehicle must also be registered, insured, and pass a

safety inspection.

These vehicles remain prohibited from operating on interstates and controlled-access highways.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the commission:

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance finalizing the receipts and appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which spanned from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

- Approved the second reading of an ordinance adopting a pay classification plan for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, which spans from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The plan includes a 3% cost-of-living adjustment for all employees.

- rescinded and then reapproved a contract of sale between the City of Winchester and Elizabeth J. Richardson for 21 Lincoln Street as part of Phase II of the Lincoln Street Redevelopment Project. The order had to be rescinded because Commissioner Joe Chenault needed to recuse himself from the vote, as his wife is heir to property related to the redevelopment project.

- approved a resolution authorizing the completion and filing of a Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program application for up to \$1

million.

- approved a contract of sale between the City of Winchester and Ernest L. Sparks and Joseph Lee Sparks for property located at 29 Lincoln St. as part of Phase II of the Lincoln Street Redevelopment Project.

- approved a contract of sale between the City of Winchester and KY Home Investors, LLC for property at 37 Lincoln St. as part of Phase II of the Lincoln Street Redevelopment Project.

- approved an agreement with Dr. Bruce Kostelnik for medical director services for Fiscal Year 2026. Kostelnik has been medical director for the city since 2024.

- approved an agreement with William Dykeman for city attorney services for Fiscal Year 2026. Dykeman has been city attorney since 2000.

- approved a standard agreement between the City of Winchester and wrecker service operators. The standard is to rotate through a list of local wrecker service operators.