WINK CITY COUNCIL
Public Hearing
TUESDAY, February 28, 2023
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:
Eric Hawkins, Mayor

Council Members:
Kama Slaughter, Councilwoman-Absent
Blane Wolf, Councilman-
LaDaryl Bates, Councilwoman
Casey Thames, Councilman
Coby Purcell, Mayor Pro Tem

City Staff:
Gina Funderburg, City Secretary
Jose Soltero, Police Chief
Richard Kyle, Water Superintendent
Hilda Crawford, Utility Clerk
Mariah Valdez, Court Clerk
Julie White, Humane Officer/ Code Enforcer
Cassandra Cheek, City Attorney
Joshua Crawford, Cadet

Guests:
Casey Maxwell, LCA
Stormy Hawkins

With a quorum of the Council members present, the public hearing of the Wink City Council was called to order by Mayor Hawkins at 5:30 P.M. February 28, 2022, in the Wink City Council Meeting Room of the Wink City Hall, 303 East Hendricks Blvd., Wink, Texas.

Mr. Casey Maxwell, of LANDGRAF, CRUTCHER & ASSOCIATES, presented to the Mayor, Councilmembers and citizens of the City of Wink that attended this hearing, the plans for improving the water distribution. He states that the water line that feeds the water supply to the City of Wink is about 92 years old and the life span of a water line is typically 100 service years.
Currently, if there is a major water leak, the water department has no choice but to shut the water to the entire city. With these plans, it will be possible to just shut the part of the city that has the leak as opposed to the entire city. The shut off ability will be in quadrants in certain areas of the city.
The 8" main water line currently sits under State Highway 115. This will be moved and will not be under State Highway 115, thus less wear and tear on those pipes and fittings. Mr. Maxwell's estimation of the line is about 7,000' with a cost of $2.4 million which will include fire hydrants installation.

Mayor Hawkins then informed the audience with his projections for the financial portion of this project. A bond election is one way for the city to pay for this project but would like to explore other options.
One way is to apply for a grant and/or loan is through USDA. Steps have already been taken to do this, but a few things still need to happen before any application will be signed and turned into USDA for approval.

Earlier last year, the city invested in its wastewater plant and selling bulk water. Now, he feels that the income the city sees from those two things are straight profit at this point. So have no reservation in moving forward with this. This would only happen if for some reason the city is denied the grant/loan.

Mayor Hawkins then relayed that the interest rates at this moment are very attractive. Councilwoman Bates questioned the interest rate, and Mayor replied that at this time the city can not afford to straight

pay for the 2.4-million-dollar project but like the building loan it currently has with USDA for the new city hall, he estimates that paying off that loan sooner than later will help lower the interest.
Mayor Hawkins plan is to apply for 2.7 million dollars rather than the 2.4 million dollars because of the administrative fees, parts and labor cost will be eating a good chuck of that so he wants to have some sort of cushion just to make sure we have plenty to finish this project.

His estimated time from start to finish is about a year and a half. When that is complete, TxDot will then start their project of resurfacing HWY 115 and making the city ADA compliant, with sidewalks and curbs.

At this time, Mayor Hawkins asked if any citizen had questions or concerns regarding the application the City of Wink is applying for funding with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for financial assistance for upgrades to water distributions. No questions were asked or addressed.

ADJOURNMENT:

6:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Wink City Council on the 28th day of February 2023.

APPROVED:

Eric Hawkins — Mayor

Casey Thames — Councilman

Absent
Kama Slaughter — Councilwoman

LaDaryl Bates — Councilwoman

Blane Wolf — Councilman

Coby Purcell — Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:
Gina Funderburg, CITY SECRETARY