

MINUTES

December 12, 2023

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Sean Crabtree presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Greg O'Neal, City Attorney; Teena Waggoner, City Recorder; various Department Heads; news media; and the following Council Members:

Present: Councilman Michael Sisk
Councilwoman Barbara Lucas
Councilman Mike Foster
Councilwoman Lydia Curtis Johnson
Councilman William Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Crabtree called the meeting to order with a prayer by Troy Carlier and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Crabtree.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing for Ordinance #1065, an ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 1 of the City of Winchester Municipal Code relating to Animal Control. Beverly Nageotte, 190 Cheyenne Avenue spoke and asked the Council to consider allowing roosters inside the city limits. She said the sound of roosters is comforting to her, and the sound only lasts approximately fifteen minutes. No one else spoke for or against this ordinance.

The Public Hearing continued for Ordinance #1066, an ordinance of the City of Winchester, Tennessee prohibiting panhandling. No one spoke for or against this ordinance.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and the meeting continued with Unfinished Business. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of November 14, 2023. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Next, Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1065, an ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 1 of the City of Winchester Municipal Code relating to Animal Control. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Foster
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the last order of Unfinished Business, Councilman Foster made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1066, an ordinance of the City of Winchester, Tennessee prohibiting panhandling. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
 Councilman Sisk
 Councilman Foster
 Councilwoman Johnson
 Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first item of new business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton asked the Council to consider approving a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to repair the ceiling of the City Hall lobby. Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the budget amendment, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Councilwoman Lucas made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1067, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506, Article VII, Section 7.090 known as the Zoning Ordinance of Winchester, Tennessee related to the Design Review Commission compliance. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
 Councilman Sisk
 Councilman Foster
 Councilwoman Johnson
 Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Mayor Crabtree asked the City Council to adopt Winchester's Vision Statement. It is as follows, "The City of Winchester is committed to preserving our small-town character and natural beauty through growth, responsible management of resources, and a citizen focused government". Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the Vision Statement, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the next order of business, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution #907, a resolution authorizing the City of Winchester to apply for the Transportation Planning Grant. Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton explained the 401a Retirement Contribution of \$237,464.74 and asked for funding approval. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the contribution, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all member voted in favor of the contribution.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton said that one bid was received from Roscoe Brown for the Heating & Air Condition Unit at the David R. Bean Swimplex in the amount of \$6,335.00. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the bid, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the last order of New Business, Councilman Foster made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1068, an ordinance establishing monthly salaries for the city of Winchester Tennessee Mayor and Council Member. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

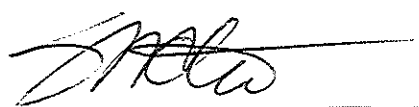
Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Foster
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under communications, Councilwoman Lucas mentioned that 931 Cares needs volunteers. Councilwoman Johnson commended everyone that helped make the Downtown Christmas event a success. Councilman Womack asked everyone to trade at home. City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned that she would be helping Lulu's Café feed approximately 1000 people on December 23rd and to please let her know if you know anyone that may need a meal delivered. Mayor Crabtree and all the Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With no further business to come before the Board, Councilwoman Lucas made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

By:



Sean Crabtree, Mayor

Attest:



Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder
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