

MINUTES

September 12, 2023

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

Present and participating were: Mayor Sean Crabtree presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; 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 Fire Chief Gary Greeson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Crabtree.

The Mayor began the meeting with a Presentation from Troy Long discussing the dust problem caused by IMI Concrete. Mr. Long submitted photos showing the dust issue and he asked that they simply clean the concrete and keep it clean. IMI spokespeople, Art Fisher & Phillip Hackert, replied that they want to be good neighbors. They are currently using calcium pellets as a dust suppressant agent. They have been searching for a company to vacuum the dust, but have had no luck so far, and they are washing the trucks frequently. They said they will continue to work toward a solution.

In the only item of Unfinished Business, Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of August 8, 2023. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

In the first item of New Business, Mayor Crabtree asked the Council for a vote of confirmation for the following committee appointments:

1. Winchester Airport Authority – Mike Foster to serve as the Council Member
2. Winchester Beer Board – Lydia Johnson to continue serving as Council Member and Reappoint Skye Maxon Phillips
3. Winchester Design Review Commission – Barbara Lucas to serve as Council Member and Ricky Tipps will fill Mike Bowden's seat.
4. Winchester Planning Commission – Sean Crabtree will fill Terry Harrell's seat and Michael Sisk will continue to serve as Council Member
5. Winchester Utility Board – Sean Crabtree will fill Terry Harrell's seat
6. Consolidated Communications – William Womack will continue to serve as Council Member.

Councilman Womack made a motion to approve all the Committee Appointments, Councilman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Mayor Crabtree asked the Council for a vote of confirmation to reappoint Councilman William Womack as Vice Mayor. Councilwoman Johnson confirmed the appointment, Councilman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the appointment.

In the next order of new business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton informed the Council that one bid was received to replace the upstairs windows at City Hall from Stewart Companies in the amount of \$15,930.00. Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the window bid, Councilman Womack seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Winchester Downtown Program Director Ricky Tipps asked permission to close the streets in the nine-block downtown area to hold the Boo Bash on October 28, 2023. Street closures will begin approximately 1:00 pm and last until 9:00 pm with the event taking place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the street closures, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the last order of new business, Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1064, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506, the Zoning Ordinance of Winchester, Tennessee to rezone property on ByPass Road from M1, Medical Professional Office District to C2, Commercial Highway Service District. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

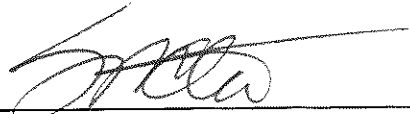
Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Foster
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under communications, Councilwoman Lucas said that she had been approached by the Mobile Vendors to have electric installed at the South College Street parking lot. The City Administrator commented that there are future plans to have electricity installed in that parking lot. City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned that the Police and Fire Memorial will be September 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm. She also mentioned that R3 Recovery Group has invited the Council to attend their banquet. The information will be emailed soon. Councilman Womack asked everyone to trade at home.

With no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Sisk 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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