

MINUTES

January 8, 2008

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m., due to presentations of quarterly reports.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Greg O'Neal, City Attorney; Judy Baker, Secretary; various Department Heads; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilman Franklin  
Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Snead  
Councilman Womack

Absent: Wayne Nuckolls, Parks Director  
Steve Goodwin, Public Works Director

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Snead and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Glasner.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council heard quarterly reports, goals and updates from John Larkin, manager of Winchester Utilities, Joshua Abramson, manager of Winchester Municipal Airport, and from each of the City's department heads. Public Works Director Steve Goodwin and Parks & Recreation Director Wayne Nuckolls were absent and are to present their reports at the February meeting.

Next, Mayor Harrell read a proclamation naming February as Black History Month in the City of Winchester. Councilman Snead reported that the Townsend Center after-school students will have their second annual Martin Luther King Day walk from Townsend Center to the square beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and invited the public to attend.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the December 11, 2007, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #886, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone the Petersham property located at the intersection of Cowan Highway 64/41A and Arnold Farm Road from C-2, highway service district to R-1, low density residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Franklin, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin  
Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Snead  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

First under new business, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #887, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone the Phil Hall property located at 502 Old Cowan Road from C-2, highway service district to R-3, low density residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin  
Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Snead  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Councilman Glasner recommended that, due to vandalism at the City Park and other areas, the City purchase portable surveillance cameras, which could be moved to locations as needed, and that the price of these cameras range from \$2,300.00 to \$3,000.00. These cameras have the capability to be linked to computers and VCR's for recording, monitoring and viewing. Councilman Glasner made a motion to authorize City Administrator Rhoton to find funding in the budget and purchase the cameras in the range of \$2,300.00 to \$3,000.00 each, and to place the cameras under the control of the Police Department. Councilman Scharber seconded the motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Swimplex Director Bryan Dalton presented a recommendation by Councilman Glasner and the Recreation Committee to change the rate for renting the Citizens Pavilion as follows: weekdays (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, unless a holiday falls on those days) decreasing from \$125.00 to \$75.00 per day; and for weekends and Holidays (Friday, Saturday and Sunday and holidays) increasing from \$125.00 to \$150.00 per day. The reason for decreasing the rent through the weekdays is that the Pavilion may be rented more often, and the increase of rent for the weekends and holidays is to help offset the cost of cooling the Pavilion from the newly installed air conditioning. The cleaning deposit and key deposit will not change. Councilman Snead moved to approve the rent changes for the Pavilion, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of business, City Attorney Greg O'Neal reported that the Beer Board has unanimously recommended at their last meeting to have additional wording placed in the Winchester Beer Ordinance requiring all businesses to card everyone when purchasing beer for on-premise consumption as well as off-premise beer purchases. Mr. O'Neal stated that MTAS would be contacted to help word this addition correctly. Mrs. Rhoton and Mr. O'Neal further reported this is already a State law and should be reflected as a law in our city Beer Ordinance as well. Councilman Scharber made a motion to approve adding the

requirement that all businesses card everyone purchasing on-premise and off-premise beer to the Beer Ordinance and to authorize City Administrator Rhoton to assist Mr. O'Neal in re-writing the ordinance. Councilman Glasner seconded the motion and all voted in favor of said motion. Once this wording has been completed, the Beer Ordinance will be brought back to the Council for their approval.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell scheduled a public meeting with a special called meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 24, 2008, for Community Development Block Grant Resolution #793. Mayor Harrell also scheduled a work session to discuss the budget which will begin at the close of the public hearing.

Under Council, Departments, and committee reports, updates and communications, Police Chief Young reported that a seven week Citizens Police Academy is scheduled to begin on January 15<sup>th</sup> and to be held each Tuesday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. He stated that a low number of people have applied for this training and, as other agencies are also planning this type of academy, it was suggested that we look into combining our academy with another department and split the training.

Councilman Franklin stated that the Winchester Pride Committee met and discussed problems with litter, the need for more signs, increasing fines, and scheduling a litter cleanup before the Dogwood Festival. Councilman Glasner stated that changes to the Sign Ordinance will be brought before the Planning Commission for their approval later this month. Councilman Scharber stated everyone should have enough pride to keep our City cleaned up and not litter, including our City owned buildings, and not to smoke around our buildings and leave cigarette butts, etc., lying around. Councilman Snead stated the Human Relations Committee completed their task with the Health Insurance and that the Tourism Committee is being active with the Dogwood Committee.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

City of Winchester's website is:

[www.winchester-tn.com](http://www.winchester-tn.com)

and

International Dogwood Festival website is:

[www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com](http://www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com)

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Terry Harrell, Mayor  
City of Winchester

Attest:

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Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: January 8, 2008