

MINUTES

April 14, 2009

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was Rezoning Ordinance #905.

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

Present: Councilman Elliott
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Womack
Councilman Snead

Absent: None

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

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #905, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone approximately six (6) acres of the Hawkersmith property located off Hwy. 130 near the City Park from R-1, low-density residential district to R-3A, high-density residential district. No one spoke for or against the ordinance and the public hearing was adjourned.

The regular Council meeting began immediately after the close of the public hearing.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, a roadblock request by Sue Hartman for the Franklin County Foster/Adoptive Parents Association on May 16th was approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, a roadblock request by Tommy Lowe for the FCHS Rebelettes basketball team on May 30th was approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Little League President Jimmy Davis updated the Council concerning the Little League, which started in 1958. Ages range from five to twelve years old and there are 264 children consisting of 24 teams playing this year. He thanked the City for the use of the fields and for supplying most of the recreation for the whole county.

Next, Winchester Historical Committee chairman Joy Gallagher requested that funding be placed in the upcoming budget for the printing of 200 books on the history of businesses around the downtown area. The committee has four quotes for bids for printing the books ranging from \$13.95 to \$35.68 a book, but can't make a recommendation until they see a sample of the color quality of each bidder's printed copy. The

Council agreed to place that funding for the printing of these historical business books in the upcoming budget.

Next, Terri Steele requested permission to lease the miniature golf and batting cages at the city park. She informed the Council of the repairs and upgrades she wanted to make and requested that the monthly lease fee be waived for a year due to making the necessary repairs. Councilman Elliott stated that he, Wayne Nuckolls and Ms. Steele need to check the buildings and grounds before the lease is written. The Council then agreed to have City Administrator write up a new lease agreement, to be renewed on a year to year basis, and to waive the monthly fee for the first year on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Mayor Harrell stated that the Winchester Downtown Group has requested that Special Projects Coordinator Yvonne Stewart be allowed to prepare and apply for grants on their behalf. As obtaining grants for the Winchester Downtown Group will also benefit the City, Mayor Harrell recommended approval of this request, and that the hours spent working on those grants be coordinated by the City Administrator and Mrs. Stewart. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under addresses, presentations and requests, the Department Heads gave updates on their budgets to the Council, as their quarterly reports were in their agenda packets for their review. Winchester Utilities manager John Larkin was not present and will address his budget at the May council meeting.

Next, Codes Officer Pat Sanders presented the Council with several permit request applications from businesses regarding placing benches, tables, chairs, plants and ash cans on the sidewalk. After a discussion, Councilman Glasner made a motion to give Mr. Sanders the authority to issue permits for benches until the Winchester Downtown Group decides on a uniform bench to be used around the downtown area, and for him to follow the requirements of Sidewalk Ordinance #903 regarding tables and chairs, etc. Councilman Elliott seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the March 10, 2009, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under unfinished business, was the third and final reading of Ordinance #905, amending Zoning Ord. #506, rezoning approximately six (6) acres of the Hawkersmith property located off Hwy.

130 near the City Park from R-1, low-density residential district to R-3A, high-density residential district. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Elliott
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

First under new business, the Council approved the only bid received by the Public Works Department for painting traffic signal equipment from William J. Garner Painting in the amount of \$10,355.00. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Yvonne Stewart requested approval to apply for a stimulus package "Byrne Grant" for the Winchester Police Department, which is a 100% grant in the amount of \$36,917.00. This money will be allocated for one new cruiser, four LED cruiser lights, and furnishings for the new Police Department building. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Yvonne Stewart informed the Council of the 2010 census and requested that City Administrator Rhoton, Steve Goodwin, Diana Cox and Yvonne Stewart be appointed to a 2010 Census Committee.

Next, Police Chief Dennis Young requested approval to apply for a stimulus package "Cops Grant" in the amount of \$112,000.00 for the Winchester Police Department. This grant will pay 100% of the salary of one police officer for three years. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #803, a resolution ratifying the Franklin County amended growth plan as approved by the County Coordinating Committee on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #804, a resolution for a new interlocal cooperation agreement relative to the City of Winchester's participation in the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilman Scharber made a motion to reappoint Mark Gass to the Winchester Beer Board, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilman Elliott made a motion to change the number of Recreation Committee members from twelve to five and to reappoint the following members to the Recreation Committee: T Simmons, Parker Lowndes, Brenda Long, James Carmack and Donnie Worley. Councilman Glasner seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Last under new business, Mayor Harrell tabled the appointment of a resident member to the Franklin County Consolidated Housing Authority until he has the opportunity to discuss the appointment with Decherd Mayor Henshaw and Cowan Mayor Williams.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell made the following announcements: residents who live outside the city, but own property inside the city limits, are required to bring a copy of their deed or paid property tax receipt to Election Commissioner Phillip Custer at least 30 days before elections in order to be eligible to vote in city elections; he appreciated the great attendance at the open house for the new location of the Winchester Police Department, which is a great asset for the City; the Kiwanis Club's High-On-The-Hog BBQ event is this weekend; a fishing tournament was held and filmed by a TV crew and the Mayor asked that everyone make our visitors welcome to all the events held in Winchester; new light poles have been installed on the square; volunteers are needed to help clean up damages from the recent tornados in Murfreesboro; Mayor Harrell scheduled a budget work shop session for the Council on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 a.m., and asked that the Council review the handout from Councilman Glasner.

Under council communications, reports and updates, Councilman Elliott announced that he and Dan Sidley will be cooking for the city employees at the Citizens Pavilion on Friday, April 17th, beginning at 11 a.m.; Councilman Glasner stated that the Community Development Committee will allow only one political sign per parcel of property and signs can not be on city right-of-ways. Councilman Scharber is attending the Volkswagon site conference in Chattanooga on April 15th and will report his findings to the Council at the May council meeting; Councilman Snead invited everyone to attend the International Dogwood Festival taking place May 1-3. He also stated that the city's booth won second place at the Southern Women's Show in Nashville; Councilman Womack congratulated the Police Department on their building and new landscaping and he also urged citizens to continue to shop at home to keep tax dollars in our community.

Under departmental reports, Building and Codes Officer Pat Sanders stated that a representative from FEMA will be here at 10:00 a.m. on April 24th to discuss flood insurance coverage and invited the Council to attend.

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

City of Winchester's website is:

www.winchester-tn.com

and

International Dogwood Festival website is:

www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator
(1st half of meeting)

Attest:

Faye Morrow, Administrative Director
(2nd half of meeting)

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: April 14, 2009