

MINUTES

November 9, 2010

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Judy Baker, Secretary; various Department Heads and news media; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Stewart
Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, Mayor Harrell recognized Colonel Michael T. Panarisi, Commander of the Arnold Engineering Development Center, who gave a very interesting presentation explaining the operations, testing and programs conducted at AEDC.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Kiwanis Club, represented by Jeannie Bates, requested the city to co-sponsor their annual High-On-The-Hog BBQ event in the City Park as we've been doing for several years. This event will take place April 12-16, 2011 and their request is to use the City Park buildings, parking areas, support of Winchester City services, and provide at least one city worker to help at the festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the October 12, 2010 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under new business, the Council approved the 2009 audit conducted by Clark, Knies and Crenshaw Accountants on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved a contract with Clark, Knies and Crenshaw Accountants to conduct the 2010 audit on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Police Chief Dennis Young requested approval for

digital evidence acquisition specialist training for Investigator Chris Layne. Once certified, Investigator Layne will be able to perform forensics at the Police Department on confiscated computers instead of having to send them to the State and waiting months for the results. Cost of the training, hardware and software will be paid through a grant and assistance from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Building and Codes Officer Pat Sanders requested the Council to follow up on a recommendation from the June 17, 2002 meeting of the Winchester Planning Commission, which failed to make it to the City Council (see attachments). This request is to abandon two distinct portions of undeveloped city streets located off Kenmore Avenue to the adjacent property owners. One segment recommended for abandonment is located on the southwest boundary of Kenmore Avenue and between recorded parcels, one owned by Rudy McConnell, the other by Jerry Jackson. Each owner will receive half of the land being abandoned. The other segment is located on the northeast side of Kenmore Avenue and is sandwiched between parcels owned by Mr. McConnell. Therefore, the recommended transfer is solely to him. Each party will be responsible for payment of any legal transfer fees including costs for surveys, legal descriptions, filing of deeds, etc. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested the Council to approve a \$250.00 Christmas bonus for full time and permanent part time city employees and a \$50.00 bonus for eight lifeguards. Councilman Stewart made the motion to approve the Christmas bonuses, with a second by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton explained that requests for proposals are in the process of being prepared for the City to seek proposals for banking services. Mayor Harrell appointed Mrs. Rhoton, Martha Carol Fanning, Vice Mayor Glasner, and Councilman Spencer to a Finance Committee to oversee the banking proposal process at the November 2, 2010 work session and the committee will meet with an MTAS representative to review the proposal before they are sent to the banks. Mayor Harrell made it known that he would not have any part of the decision making during this process as he is in the banking business.

In the last order of new business, Councilman Spencer recommended that Nick Bryant be appointed to the Community Development Committee, and Councilman Womack recommended Kenneth (Buck) Tucker and

Brooks Lynch be appointed to the Public Safety Committee. These appointments were approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the Veteran's Day ceremony would take place on the square at 11:00 a.m.; Mayor Harrell asked the City Administrator to draft a letter to State officials asking them to look into making an intersection at Hwy. 64 W and State Route 16 safer due to several accidents and some fatalities at this location; Mayor Harrell said that a work session will be scheduled when MTAS is ready to follow up on their review of amendments for the City Charter.

Under Administrator, Council and Departmental reports, communications, and updates: Councilman Stewart reported that he and City Administrator Rhoton recently attended the 10th annual Heritage Harbor Days in Foley, Alabama; Mrs. Rhoton announced that November 10th would be a work day at Adventure Mountain, with employees from all departments pitching in, and that anyone wanting to volunteer would be welcome; Chief Young announced that Assistant Chief Raymond Dyer was home from the hospital after being involved in an accident on his way to assist with a police call.

Mayor Harrell recognized Rex Russell, who requested the Council allow him to continue to place bids for city vehicle purchases as he co-owns three dealerships in Winchester. Currently, the Council is looking to purchase vehicles from Nissan once they receive the State contract, and Mr. Russell wants the City to go through the bidding process.

Mayor Harrell recognized Robin Huffines, who thanked the City for making recent improvements to Adventure Mountain, but requested some more improvements need to be made. She stated that she talked to Home Depot and that the company said they are willing to help, but will need a letter from the city.

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

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International Dogwood Festival website is:

www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: November 9, 2010