## **MINUTES**

## April 13, 2021

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell 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 Johnson (via Zoom)

Councilman Cagley Councilman Womack

Absent:

Councilman Spencer

Councilman Snead

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Steve Cagley and the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman William Womack.

The meeting began with a presentation from Ms. Brenda Long with the Franklin County Kiwanis Club. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued sponsorship of the High on the Hog festival. She went on to explain that due to the KCBS BBQ strict COVID restrictions, the High on the Hog Festival will not happen this year, however there will be a scaled down version. They will have a Tims Ford Steak Showdown on May 15th, the Brothers of the Wheel will sponsor a Motorcycle Poker Run on May 15th, and Franklin County United Soccer Team will host a 5-K Run at the City Park on May 22nd. The Carnival will begin on May 18th and continue through May 22nd, so the Kiwanis Club will need the Citizens Pavilion and parking areas beginning May 14th through May 22nd. She did ask for support from the Winchester City Services, but she was uncertain if an employee from the Recreation Department will be needed due to the scaled down festival. The Mayor mentioned the damage that the Carnival had caused over the past years to our lawn and practice fields especially if there happens to be a lot of rain. He asked that the Franklin County Kiwanis Club issue the City of Winchester a \$2,000.00 refundable deposit for potential lawn repair, water line damage or other damage that the park may receive during the Carnival. Ms. Long agreed to the deposit. Councilman Womack made a motion for the Franklin County Kiwanis Club to use the City Park for the Tims Ford Steak Showdown from May 14, 2021 through May 22, 2021 and issue the City of Winchester a refundable deposit in the

amount of \$2,000.00. Councilman Cagley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Next, the regular meeting continued with Quarterly Reports by Winchester Utility Manager George Powell and Winchester Airport Manager Zachary Colescott. All Departmental Quarterly Reports are on file at Winchester City Hall.

Under Unfinished Business, Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 Council Minutes. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed with all members voting favorably.

In the first order of new business, Fire Chief Gary Greeson presented the updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual to the Council. He briefly discussed the highlights and mentioned that the Winchester Personnel Policy overrides the SOP. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the Fire Department SOP Manual, Councilman Cagley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton discussed a city easement that adjoins property belonging to Mr. Ronnie Prince on North Porter Street. Mr. Prince intends to develop this property and would like this easement kept neatly. Mrs. Rhoton explained that the land is approximately 150'x60' and is where the old city pool was once located. Her recommendation is to Quitclaim the property to Winchester Utility System since utilities are present on the land. Councilman Womack made a motion to Quitclaim this property to the Utility System, Councilman Cagley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

In the last order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton discussed the proposed Health & Wellness Center that Director of Schools Stanley Bean hopes to build with Grant money that the School System is receiving. He is asking each city for a one-time financial commitment and an annual financial commitment. Mrs. Rhoton said this funding will be used for employees, equipment, etc. The Council suggested an agreement that includes a continued financial commitment will be given annually as long as the budget doesn't fall below a certain percentage recommended by our Finance Director. Councilman Cagley made a motion to give a one-time financial commitment of \$5.00 per capita for Fiscal Year 2022; Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Councilman Cagley made an additional motion for an annual financial commitment of \$3.00 per capita beginning Fiscal Year 2023; Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Under Communications, Councilman Cagley mentioned that the Winchester Beer Board approved the off-premises Beer Permit for Food City. Also, a recent Beer Sting had no violations. Councilman Womack asked everyone to trade at home. City Administrator Beth Rhoton said that the Budget Worksession is scheduled for April 29, 2021 at 7:00 am in the Winchester Annex.

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

By:

Terry Harrell, Mayor

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder April 13, 2021