

MINUTES

April 11, 2023

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Teena Waggoner, City Recorder; Greg O'Neal, City Attorney; various Department Heads; news media; and the following Council Members:

Present: Councilman Michael Sisk
Councilwoman Barbara Lucas
Councilman Steve Cagley
Councilwoman Lydia Curtis Johnson
Councilman William Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Steve Cagley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dakota Dickens.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing for citizen input on possible upgrades and/or additions to the Winchester City Park with a possible recreation grant from Tennessee Department of Conservation Recreation Services. Below please find the citizens that spoke during the Public Hearing:

1. Diane Leslie, 813 Old Cowan Road, Winchester TN 37398

Ms. Leslie's concerns pertained to the Winchester City Park located off Old Cowan Road, Winchester. She mentioned that this park needs many upgrades and improvements such as:

- Playground Equipment is outdated.
- Picnic Table and Pavilion upgrades needed.
- Additional Lighting needed.
- ADA Compliant restrooms are needed. Park hours are needed so that restrooms can be open during those hours.
- New basketball goals & court stripping is needed

2. Randy Sanders, 117 Hammock Drive, Winchester TN 37398

Mr. Sanders said that he appreciates what the City has to offer in our city parks and recreation areas. It is always good to try to utilize local, state, and federal funding. He spoke for anything that will better our citizens quality of life. We live in a great area and recreation is a high priority. Anything that we can get to enhance what we have, or new facilities would be fantastic.

No one else spoke, so Mayor Harrell closed the Public Hearing and the Council meeting continued with Quarterly reports from George Powell, Manager of the Winchester Utility System. City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned that Winchester Airport Manager Zachary Colescott is no longer working at the airport

and the Airport Authority is currently interviewing for this position. All other departmental Quarterly reports are on file at City Hall.

In the only item of unfinished business, Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the first item of new business, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #1056, an ordinance to clarify and amend Ordinance #1052 so that the description and exhibit of the property are consistent with one another. Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

In the next order of business, Ricky Tipps spoke and asked the Council to consider approving an Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event downtown. The event will take place the day after Thanksgiving each year. He requested blocking the Downtown area to traffic due to safety concerns and also block the west side of the square on Wednesday to prepare for the event. He said that he has spoken to most of the Downtown Merchants and they seem excited about the event. Councilwoman Lucas made a motion to approve the annual Tree Lighting Event, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion, and all members were in favor of the event.

Next, Councilman Cagley made a motion to reappoint Mr. Donnie Worley to the Winchester Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the reappointment.

In the last order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned to the Council that when the Council approved extending the Waste Management contract she wasn't aware that the price increased from \$8.00 to \$10.00 to have an additional garbage container. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the price increase for the additional garbage container, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Under communications, Councilwoman Lucas commented that the Franklin County Senior Citizens are always looking for volunteers. Councilwoman Johnson commented that we are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area. Councilman

Womack asked everyone to trade at home. City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned that the Bass Club had their annual 1st of April fishing tournament recently with 195 boats entered in the tournament, which was great due to the weather.

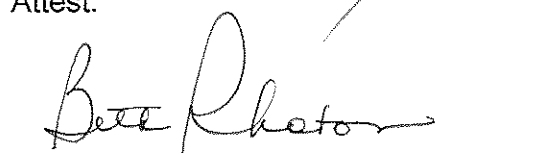
With no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Cagley made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting, Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

By:



Terry Harrell, Mayor

Attest:



Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder
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