

MINUTES

February 8, 2011

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, beginning at 4:00 p.m. (rescheduled from 6:00 p.m.).

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

Present: Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Stewart  
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Gene Snead, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Stewart.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, Jimmy Davis, of the Winchester Little League Association, thanked the Council for their financial support and for all they do for Little League and for parks and recreation in our community, and gave a brief update on the Little League. He also complimented the Recreation Department employees for their work on the fields. Mr. Davis stated that we will have the opportunity to bid on hosting the State tournament between the years 2012-2015. Mayor Harrell thanked Mr. Davis and the Little League Association for all they do for recreation and stated that we will watch for possible grants that could be beneficial.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the January 11, 2011 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under new business, the Council approved Resolution #817, a resolution requesting State Senator Eric Stewart and State Representative David Alexander to sponsor legislation in the Tennessee General Assembly to revise Winchester's Private Act Charter. City Administrator Rhoton reminded everyone that this Resolution was actually voted on and adopted last month, but due to only three council members being present and two council members absent, MTAS recommended that the Resolution be presented again at this meeting and ratified before sending it to the State. Councilman Spencer moved for approval, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of four (4) ayes and no (0) nays.

Next under new business, City Administrator Rhoton stated that the City received an energy grant and part of that grant was to

install new HVAC energy upgrades at several of our locations. Bids received for the energy upgrades are listed below:

Allen's Air Care	\$68,695.00
Roscoe Brown Heating & Cooling	\$52,368.00
Tennessee Mechanical Corporation	\$75,450.00
Danley Heating & Air	no bid

Mrs. Rhoton stated that our engineer, Dempsey, Dilling & Associates, reviewed the submitted bids and recommended awarding the bid to Roscoe Brown Heating and Cooling. Motion to approve the bid of \$52,368.00 by Roscoe Brown Heating and Cooling was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #818, a resolution declaring a vacancy on the Winchester City Council as a result of the passing of Councilman William R. (Bobby) Scharber. Motion to declare the vacancy was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion. Mayor Harrell stated that Councilman Scharber is sadly missed, and was a good friend of ours as well as to the city and the county. Bobby's good nature, wisdom and wit will be missed, and whoever fills that vacancy will have some big shoes to fill. Mayor Harrell stated that we'll move forward but we'll never forget Councilman Scharber. Councilman Bobby Scharber passed away on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at the age of eighty.

Next, Wayne Hart was appointed as Councilman to fill the vacancy of the recently deceased Councilman Scharber. Motion to appoint Mr. Hart was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and the motion passed by a vote of three (3) ayes to one (1) nay cast by Councilman Stewart.

Next, Mayor Harrell announced the appointment of Councilman Bruce Spencer to the Winchester Utilities Board to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Councilman Scharber. As this is a mayoral appointment no other action was needed.

In the last order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton requested permission for the Police Department to surplus a 1999 Ford Expedition and to sell the vehicle on GovDeals.com. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that we lost another one of our civic leaders as Lynn Bean passed away recently. Before his retirement, Mr. Bean had been the manager of Winchester Utilities for many years, and had served as a City Councilman as well as a County Commissioner. Mr. Bean was a friend to the city and community and will be missed. Mayor Harrell requested that we keep his family in our thoughts.

Under Administrator, Council and Departmental reports, communications, and updates: Councilman Glasner encouraged Gene Snead Jr. to run for a seat on the Council during the next election, as he stated that he might not run again. Councilman Spencer stated that the Community Development committee was working on updating and revising the Sign Ordinance.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Glasner, 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 Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Minutes typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: February 8, 2011