

## MINUTES

July 12, 2016

The Winchester City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

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

Present: Councilman Snead  
Councilwoman Alexander  
Councilwoman Bates  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

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

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for comments pertaining to Ordinance #988, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506 known as the zoning ordinance of Winchester, TN to rezone Cherokee Estates Subdivision to R-2S, Medium Density Single Family Residential District from the current zoning of R-1, Low Density Residential District. Mr. Josh Arnold of 101 Colonial Drive asked if the Subdivision Restrictions were also changing. Code Enforcer Pat Sanders commented that the homeowners enforce subdivision restrictions, not the city. This ordinance doesn't impact restrictions, only the setbacks will change. Mr. Vernon Miller stated that the restrictions will stay the same, only single family residences are allowed. Only change is the setbacks. With no other comments, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Under addresses, Presentations and/or requests the Council heard from Airport Manager Zachary Colescott and Winchester Utility Manager Roger Caldwell. Their reports, along with the other department heads, are on file at city hall.

In the first item of unfinished business, the minutes of June 28, 2016 were approved on a motion by Councilman Snead and seconded by Councilman Spencer. All voted in favor of said motion.

In the next item of unfinished business was the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance #988, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506 known as the zoning ordinance of Winchester, TN to rezone Cherokee Estates Subdivision to R-2S, Medium Density Single Family Residential District from the current zoning of R-1, Low Density Residential District. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Snead and the ordinance passed unanimously by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Snead  
Councilwoman Alexander  
Councilwoman Bates  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first item of business under new business, the Mayor commented that Danny Smith's term was expiring on the Winchester Utility Board. Councilman Snead made a motion to reappoint Danny Smith to another term, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all members voted in favor of said motion.

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton commented that three bids were received for the Gateway Scenic Overlook project. However all bids exceeded the grant limit. Grant Coordinator Yvonne Stewart explained that she had talked with TDOT and that Surface Transportation Program funds were possibly still available that could cover the additional expenses for the project. Councilwoman Bates made a motion to approve the low bid from Adams Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$195,068.00 contingent upon receiving approval from the State of Tennessee to use the available Surface Transportation Program funds, Councilman Womack seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor of said motion.

In the next order of business, the Mayor discussed a permanent time change for the Council Meetings. After a brief discussion, Councilman Spencer made a motion to change the Council meeting time to 5:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, Councilwoman Alexander seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

City Administrator Beth Rhoton will see if this will need to be changed by ordinance.

In the next order of business, Finance Director Martha Luttrell discussed Resolution #864 which is a resolution that the State of Tennessee requires local governments to adopt and maintain Internal Control in accordance with guidance by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Mrs. Luttrell commented that this policy cannot take effect until a replacement for Judy Baker's position is hired. Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the Internal Control Policy, seconded by Councilman Snead, all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of business, Finance Director Martha Luttrell presented the Engagement Letter from Clark, Knies and Crenshaw, PLLC for the fiscal year 2016. Councilwoman Alexander made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

Under City Administrator and Council communications, City Administrator Beth Rhoton wanted to thank the Tims Ford Bass Club for their hard work during the Boat Races. Councilwoman Bates also thanked the Bass Club.

Mr. Jim Nunley from Dogwood Lane voiced his concerns about the dangerous intersection at West Petty Lane and Dogwood Lane. He wants stop signs and lines at both of these intersections. City Administrator Beth Rhoton commented that it was on our list to look into and that she would talk with Public Works Director Steve Goodwin.

Mayor Harrell asked Police Chief Dennis Young to speak about the current situation pertaining to Black Lives Matter across the United States. He stated that our Police Department has had threats as well as many others. Please pray for everyone and let the judicial system work like it needs to and we will continue to take precautions. Mayor Harrell stated that the police and fire risk their lives each day and we need to thank them for what they do. Be aware of your environment.

Councilman Spencer made a motion to adjourn the  
Winchester City Council Meeting at 5:57, Councilman Womack seconded  
the motion, and all voted in favor.

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Terry Harrell, Mayor  
City of Winchester

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Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator  
City of Winchester

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder