

## MINUTES

January 12, 2010

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

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Faye Morrow, Administrative Director; Greg O'Neal, City Attorney; and various Department Heads; and the following Council members:

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

Absent: Judy Baker, City Recorder

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council heard quarterly reports from John Larkin and Wesley Gamble of Winchester Utilities who spoke on the new TVA contracts relating to usage and on cost estimates relating to advanced metering infrastructure. Next, Josh Abramson, manager of the Winchester Municipal Airport, gave his quarterly report and spoke about airport progress including land acquisition and runway controls relocation. City Administrator Beth Rhoton then gave a brief overview of quarterly reports from each of the City's remaining department heads. All quarterly reports were placed in the Council's agenda packets for their review.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the December 8, 2009 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved with the following correction and verification: page 1 paragraph 6, correcting the wording of action taken regarding a request by Kiwanis Club to waive utility fees for the Dogwood Festival to read "Mayor Harrell informed the Kiwanis Club representatives that they will have to go through the Utility Company to request to have their utility fees waived during the High-On-The-Hog BBQ event as the City cannot waive those fees"; and on page 3, paragraph 1, verifying that the purchase of rescue equipment was to be paid out of the Fire Department's current operating budget and to make any necessary adjustments later if necessary. This action was made by a motion from the City Council and not from a recommendation of the Purchasing Committee. Motion for approval of the December minutes was then made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Stewart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the first order of new business, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #914, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506

to rezone 91.41 acres of the Franklin County High School property located on Bypass Road from R-1, low-density residential district to C-4, multi-residential-commercial district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart  
Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #915, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone 2.53 acres of property on North Porter Street belonging to Ronnie Prince and Gerald Ewell Jr. from R-2, medium density residential district to C-4, multi-residential-commercial district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart  
Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #916, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506, to establish a 90-day time limit for the satisfactory completion of approval for certain specified items when conditionally approved by the Planning Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart  
Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the last order of new business, Mayor Harrell stated that he had received a letter from Housing Authority Director John Greer stating that Bill Cowan's term of office as the Chairman of the Franklin County Consolidated Housing Authority is due to expire in March, 2010, and requested that Mr. Cowan be reappointed to the Board. On Mayor Harrell's recommendation, Councilman Scharber made a motion to reappoint Mr. Cowan to the Housing Authority, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell reminded the Council to fill out and return the ethics letter sent to them by the State of Tennessee. Mayor Harrell said that he and the City Administrator had

received several phone calls in regard to an issue that really does not involve the City of Winchester in any form or fashion at this point. This issue is in regard to an annexation of property out in the Greenhaw area. He stated that we know that's been presented to the County and news media reported that it was going to be presented to the City of Decherd, and he thought there was some conversation last night with Estill Springs. Mayor Harrell further stated that he was here to say right now that Mrs. Rhoton or he either one have received any kind of request for this annexation and, if people ask you about that or if you hear that, we have not been approached in regard to that request.

Mayor Harrell and City Administrator Rhoton thanked Winchester Utilities and everyone who helped with the Christmas lighting and stated how beautiful the downtown lights were this year. They also thanked everyone who helped make the "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" event a success. The Public Works employees were thanked as well for their help in shoveling salt on city streets during the recent snow.

Under council communications, reports and updates, Councilman Glasner spoke about the Dogwood Festival; Councilman Spencer stated that the Recreation Committee met and spoke about upcoming summer activities at the Park; Councilman Scharber spoke on leaking water lines due to the extreme cold weather that we've had; and Councilman Womack continued to urge everyone to spend and keep tax dollars in our community.

Under Department Heads communications, Swimplex Director Bryan Dalton reminded everyone that the Polar Bear Club still meets regularly on Friday if anyone wants to come out and join the fun.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Scharber, 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: Faye Morrow

Date of Meeting: January 12, 2010