

MINUTES

June 8, 2010

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Faye Morrow, Administrative Director; Greg O'Neal, City Attorney; Judy Baker, Secretary; various Department Heads and news media; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Stewart
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Scharber
City Administrator Rhoton (Bonnaroo meeting)

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Wayne Nuckolls and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Dennis Young.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, a road block request for a Big Brothers paper sale on June 12th was approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved holding the annual "Thunder on the Lake" Fourth of July fireworks event at our City Park. Mike Bell, who could not be at this meeting, sent an email explaining that the location of the event is being moved this year to the opposite side of the park by Adventure Mountain due to the high cost of insurance and fees that TVA required if the event was held on the TVA property. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

Next, Whitney Franklin and Dr. Mircea Basaraba, representatives of the Southern Tennessee Medical Center, gave a presentation on the first "Southern Tennessee Plunge Marathon and ½ Marathon" to be held on October 2, 2010. This event is being hosted by the Southern Tennessee Medical Center and 750 to 1500 runners are expected to attend. The City's support with in-kind services such as having the Police Department to help with traffic and road closures and volunteers for the water stations, etc., is being requested. The Mayor and Council stated they were in support of the marathon as it is expected to bring many people to Winchester and Franklin County.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the May 11, 2010 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, who asked that the current minutes reflect City Attorney O'Neal's letter stating there is a provision in the Beer Ordinance which would allow for a one day special beer permit for the

June 26th BBQ & Blues event being held downtown. Attorney O'Neal informed the Council that the Beer Board did approve the one day special event permit. The motion was then seconded by Councilman Womack and all voted in favor of said motion.

Mayor Harrell recognized Coyle Clark, with Clark, Knies & Crenshaw Accounting, who gave a brief explanation of the budget documents and offered to answer any questions about the budget.

Next, the Council approved the second draft of Ordinance #917, an ordinance amending Appropriations Ordinance #907 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second draft of Ordinance #918, an ordinance making appropriations for the administration operation and maintenance and capital expenditures of each department, agency and fund of the City of Winchester for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Councilman Stewart read a statement that he could not support this budget as he thought the efforts on this budget process were inadequate. Councilman Spencer made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and the motion passed by three (3) ayes to one (1) nay by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Stewart

In the last order of new business, the Council approved the second draft of Ordinance #919, an ordinance assessing and levying taxes within the corporate limits of the City for the 2010 tax year, at a rate of seventy-nine cents (\$0.79) per one hundred dollars. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed by three (3) ayes to one (1) nay by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Stewart

Next, Police Chief Dennis Young reported on his findings from a traffic study, as requested by Councilman Stewart at the May 11th meeting, concerning increasing the speed limit on Country Estates Drive from 20 mph to 30 mph. Due to his findings and the State setting speed

limits for neighborhoods at 20 mph, Chief Young recommended that the speed limit remain the same and not be increased. Councilman Stewart made a motion to approve keeping the speed limit at 20 mph, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under the only order of new business, the Council approved a request to surplus a 1990 GMC dump truck, a 1990 GMC Sierra 1500 and a 1992 GMC Sierra 1500 from the Public Works Department and various junk vehicles from the Police Department. The Public Works vehicles are to be sold through govdeals.com. Chief Young said it was his and City Administrator Rhoton's recommendation for the Police Department's junked vehicles to be crushed and sold for scrap metal through CFC Recycling, with a portion of those proceeds going into the International Dogwood fund. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under council communications, reports and updates, Councilman Glasner stated that the International Dogwood Golf Tournament will be held on June 25th and participants are welcomed. Councilman Womack reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting and stated that the Police Department made a recent drug bust at the City Park which netted 20 pounds (street value of over \$25,000.00) of marijuana, as well as making twenty other drug busts and answering 1500 calls in the month of May. The Police Department also removed 53 children from homes this year due to abuse or drugs and placed them in State custody. Councilman Womack commended the Police Department for the good work they are doing. Mayor Harrell reported for Councilman Scharber that the Winchester Beer Board met on June 2nd and granted an on-premise beer permit to Las Margaritas Restaurant located at 1603 Dinah Shore Boulevard and granted a one day special permit on June 26th for the Winchester Downtown Group; the Beer Board is recommending an amendment to the Beer Ordinance to include fines for clerks, which will be placed on the July agenda.

Under Department Head communications, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin reported on upcoming projects and stated that the downtown crosswalks are to be stamped and painted this weekend. Paving and restriping of the Bypass and the resurfacing program is to begin Thursday. The sidewalks program has already begun. Police Chief Dennis Young reported that the Jonathan Acklen Fishing Rodeo is this weekend at the City Park and reminded everyone to drive carefully and watch out for children crossing the roads on Highway 130.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the City Council will hold a special called Council meeting, beginning with a public hearing, on Thursday, June 17th at 4:00 p.m. for the 3rd and final

reading of the budget documents and Resolution #811, non-profit charitable and civic organizations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. (This meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m.) Mayor Harrell commented that he appreciates the Council's work, efforts and opinions on the upcoming budget year. This is something many of us have done for several years and none of us takes this process lightly. It is serious and we are here to carry out a fiduciary responsibility for the citizens of Winchester. There's always discussion in regards to budget items and what should be placed in or taken out of the budget. Mayor Harrell further remarked that we're not always going to agree on issues but we are here to work as a group and no one individual has the answers. We operate as a majority and whatever the majority rules is the way it will be and, if the budget passes on the 3rd and final reading, the expectation will be that all the Council will work together to make the budget a success.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

City of Winchester's website is:

www.winchester-tn.com

and

International Dogwood Festival website is:

www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: June 8, 2010