

MINUTES

July 13, 2010

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: None

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, a request by Melissa Hill for the Franklin County Blast softball team to hold a road block on July 24th (changed from July 17th) was approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Eva Foster requested the Council to quitclaim the easement which adjoins her property at 123 North High Street. She further requested that David Cowan, owner of the adjoining property be allowed access to this easement with no liability to her. Attorney Greg O'Neal informed the Council that no action was necessary as the deed shows that the easement already belongs to Mrs. Foster and that it would be up to her and Mr. Cowan to reach an agreement for use of that easement.

Next, Carey Wofford, chairman of the Winchester Municipal Airport Board, introduced Zachary Colescott as the new manager of the Airport. Mr. Colescott was hired on July 1, 2010 and replaced previous manager Joshua Abramson.

Next, quarterly reports were given by Airport Manager Zachary Colescott, Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell, and City Administrator Rhoton presented an overview of the departmental quarterly reports.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the June 8, 2010 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the reading of the minutes of the June 28, 2010 special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by

Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under new business, Codes Officer Pat Sanders explained that the city's recent CDBG grant allowed five new residences to be built on Second Avenue S.W., and the residents were requesting the City to abandon the alley in back of their property from South Shepherd to South Cedar in order for them to have room for parking. The residents will be responsible for filing quit claim deeds to the property if the city abandons the alley. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #920, an ordinance amending Ord. #910, establishing fees for activities associated with the Winchester, Tennessee Municipal-Regional Planning Commission and the Winchester, Tennessee Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, Councilman Spencer requested Floyd Ayers be appointed to the Winchester Preservation Committee at the recommendation of himself and Chairperson Joy Gallagher. Councilman Stewart moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell requested to increase the monthly salaries for those serving of the Winchester Utility Board from \$75 month TO \$125 a month for the Chairman, and from \$50 a month to \$100 a month for other members, with this increase not going into effect until a new board member rotates on. Mr. Caldwell further explained that the Board has not had an increase in pay since 1974. He also asked an update to be included in the Charter when a change is made to our Charter to include the following: "All members of the Board of Public Utilities shall receive as compensation for their services a sum not to exceed three hundred fifty (\$350) per month for the Chairman and three hundred dollars (\$300) per month for other members of the Board, as may be fixed from time to time by the City Council of the City of Winchester." Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed by a vote of four ayes and one abstain vote which was cast by Councilman Scharber due to a conflict of interest as he is currently

serving on the Utility Board.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #813, authorizing the City to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" loss control matching grant program. This \$2,000 matching grant will go to the Fire Department for flashlights and turn-out gear. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack and all voted in favor.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented a new 10-year contract agreement for Coca-Cola to continue to be the exclusive supplier of all Coke products for the City of Winchester. This agreement applies to concessions and events held on the City of Winchester property and Coca-Cola will provide, service and maintain ballpark scoreboards for the duration of this program. Councilman Glasner made a motion for approval, subject to Mrs. Rhoton getting a contract clarification that selling Coke products only pertains to the City and that other vendors at events such as the Dogwood Festival are allowed to sell products other than Coca-Cola. Councilman Spencer seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

In the last order of new business, Pat Sanders requested approval to enter into a software service agreement with WEBQA for a new permit program for the Codes Department at a set up fee of \$7,400 and an annual fee of \$2,400. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under council and departmental communications, reports and updates, Councilman Scharber stated the Beer Board will meet on July 21st to hear a request for a permit for Liu's Dynasty China Super Buffet, the former Evergreen Chinese Restaurant; and City Administrator Rhoton thanked the Department Heads for coming in under budget.

Among his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that he also appreciated all the departments coming in under budget. Mayor Harrell congratulated Councilman Bobby Scharber as the new fire station was dedicated to him at a recent ceremony for his many years of service as a fireman and as a fire chief for the City of Winchester. Mayor Harrell announced that Police Sgt. Randy Wilkinson was home from Iraq and will return to work later this year. He also announced that the City was hosting the Babe Ruth Tournament starting on July 22nd and that the Winchester Little League 8 year olds are playing in the Regional Championship. Mayor Harrell stated that Michael Claiborne, a Franklin County Sheriff's deputy and a former Winchester police officer, died recently and asked that everyone remember his young son and family at this sad time.

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

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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: July 13, 2010