

MINUTES

September 14, 2010

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The reason for the public hearing was Ordinance #920, establishing fees for the Winchester Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; 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: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

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

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #920, an ordinance amending Ord. #910, establishing fees for activities associated with the Winchester Municipal-Regional Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals fees. No one present spoke for or against the ordinance and the public hearing was adjourned.

The regular Council meeting began immediately after the close of the public hearing.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council approved a roadblock request on October 9 & 10th by Gayle Haywood and the Franklin County AM Rotary for a military appreciation event to be held on November 7th at FCHS. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved a roadblock request on September 18th for the FCHS boys varsity basketball team on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor.

Next, the Council heard from Phil Young, CEO of STMC, who reported on the Plunge Marathon fund raising event being held October 2, 2010. Bill Cowan and Deb Howard, representatives of the Winchester Downtown Group and merchants and events committee, also reported on the "Taste Of Autumn" event being held on the same date in conjunction with the Plunge Marathon and requested permission to sell and serve beer in Attorneys Swafford, Peters, Priest & Hall's private parking lot. Those drinking beer will be required to wear a bracelet and stay in the fenced in area. Councilman Glasner made a motion to approve their request,

subject to the Winchester Beer Board giving their approval. This motion was seconded by Councilman Stewart, and all voted in favor.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the August 10, 2010 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final 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 Glasner, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #921, repealing Ord. #835, to adopt various 2006 building and property maintenance codes. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #922, repealing Ord. #729, to adopt 2006 fire and life safety codes. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #923, amending the City beer laws (Ord. #890), regarding distance requirements. Councilman Glasner made a motion to approve, with changing the 50 ft. distance requirement for the downtown district to a zero footage requirement. Councilman Spencer seconded the motion which passed by a vote of four ayes to one nay cast by Councilman Stewart by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Stewart

Under new business, the Council ratified Resolution #814, a resolution to apply for local parks and recreation funds through TDOT for a concession stand at the Rotary Soccer Complex, launching pads and base camp at the City Park for the Blueway Trail. Motion for ratification was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor. Ratification of this resolution was needed as this item had been left off the August agenda, but Council voted unanimously when asked for their vote by telephone.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #815, to apply for grant funds through TDOT to implement a roadscape gateway/scenic view improvement program at the intersection of Dinah Shore Boulevard near LCpl Gregory A. Posey Memorial Bridge and Old Jail Museum. The matching 20% portion for this grant will be paid by the Winchester Downtown Program Corporation. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Stewart, and all voted in favor.

In the last order of new business, Building Codes Officer Pat Sanders discussed the Sign Ordinance and informed the Council of the difficulty he was having with the enforcement and time consumption of this ordinance, particularly in regards to political signs. Mayor Harrell scheduled a Council work session to review the Sign Ordinance on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Under council communications, reports and updates: Councilman Stewart reported that he and Councilman Spencer had recently attended an Elected Officials Academy in Lebanon; Councilman Glasner commended Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell on the job that he is doing; Councilman Scharber stated the Beer Board met on September 8th and issued an off-premise beer permit to the Dollar General Store; Councilman Spencer reported on meetings from the Recreation and the Historical Committees; Councilman Womack complimented the Fire and Police Departments on their recent happenings; City Administrator Rhoton stated that new rules and regulations required by the State to be in place by January 1st were already being implemented. She also reported that the City was partnering with FCHS and the pep rally will be held on the square Thursday night.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell thanked everyone who participated in the recent Fire and Police Memorial and stated that September 11th will be the date for future memorials. Mayor Harrell also scheduled a Council work session for 5:00 p.m. at the Airport on

Thursday, September 30th for MTAS to go over their review of the city.

Under departmental communications, reports and updates and happenings: Codes Officer Pat Sanders reported that the deadline for the FEMA application was met thanks to help from City engineer Jerome Dempsey; Airport Manager Zackary Colescott invited everyone to come to the Airport the first Saturday of each month for the fly-in and breakfast and to see the planes up close. They will be handling traffic for Parents weekend at University of South the same weekend. The airport is also hosting a breakfast on October 16th for the Beechcraft Heritage Museum; Police Chief Dennis Young stated that Captain Imhoff of the Nashville Metro Police Department notified him that the City of Winchester will be awarded a \$25,000.00 one hundred percent grant to buy ICAC equipment for the Police Department; Chief Dennis Young also requested permission to surplus and sell two Dodge Intrepid patrol cars and Councilman Stewart moved to approve, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor. However, after the meeting, Mayor Harrell said that this request was not on the agenda and would have to be placed on the October agenda before any action could be taken.

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

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www.winchester-tn.com

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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: September 14, 2010

