

# MINUTES

October 12, 2010

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The reason for the public hearing was Ordinances #921, #922, and #923 described below.

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 Scharber.

Mayor Harrell announced that the City lost one of its dear friends with the recent passing of James Trimble. Mr. Trimble had previously worked for the City's fire department and remained a volunteer fireman, and retired from the AEDC Fire Department. Mayor Harrell stated that Mr. Trimble was very dedicated to the City and especially loved the Fire Department and asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Trimble.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #921, repealing Ord. #835, to adopt various 2006 building and property maintenance codes; Ordinance #922, repealing Ord. #729, to adopt 2006 fire and life safety codes; and Ordinance #923, amending the City beer laws (Ord. #890), regarding distance requirements. No one spoke for or against the ordinances 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 on October 16<sup>th</sup> for the Sarah Kelley Partin Memorial as requested by Mary Sons. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council heard quarterly reports presented by Roger Caldwell of Winchester Utilities and Zackary Colescott from the Winchester Municipal Airport.

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

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #921, repealing Ord. #835, to adopt various 2006 building and property maintenance codes. 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 third and final reading of Ordinance #922, repealing Ord. #729, to adopt 2006 fire and life safety codes. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, 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, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #923, amending the City beer laws (Ord. #890), to change the distance requirement for the downtown district to a zero footage requirement. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack and the motion 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, City Administrator Rhoton presented the following bids received for the Swimplex roof insulation project:

Ingle Construction	\$36,635.00
BVC and Company	\$39,778.00

Mrs. Rhoton stated that our engineer, Dempsey Dilling & Associates, had reviewed the bids and found that each met the specifications and had recommended the lowest bid presented by Ingle Construction. Councilman Stewart made a motion to approve the bid by Ingle Construction, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor.

Next, the Council ratified a request made at the September 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to surplus the following items for the Police

Department: 2002 Dodge Intrepid, 2004 Dodge Intrepid, 1997 Chrysler Sebring, a school bus, and scrapped parts from another 2002 Dodge Intrepid; and the following items for the Recreation Department: a 1988 gas golf cart and a 1994 GMC 1500 SL. Motion to approve the ratification was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested permission to be allowed to purchase vehicles from Nissan occasionally once they are awarded the State contract as they will give the City good rebates. Mayor Harrell stated it was important to note that police vehicles will continue to be bid and bought locally as Nissan doesn't provide any type of police vehicles at this time. Mrs. Rhoton stated that the Public Works Department has \$36,000 in its capital outlay budget for vehicles for the Public Works Director and for the Special Projects Coordinator, who is in need of a vehicle now. Councilman Womack made a motion to allow Mrs. Rhoton to purchase up to two vehicles within the Public Works budget, seconded by Councilman Spencer and the motion passed by four ayes and one abstain vote cast by Councilman Stewart.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #816, a resolution to apply for grant funds through the Tennessee Department of Transportation to implement the Winchester Pedestrian Enhancement Project - Phase 3. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business, Councilman Spencer stated that the Historical Preservation Committee had ideas for a memorial fund to be used for signage and columns placed at the entrance of the city cemetery which would cost approximately \$6,000.00. One idea for funding would be to accept donations at City Hall and another idea is for the Council to place the money for the cemetery entrance in the budget for next year. City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that she talked with our auditor about this and was told that we could accept donations only if we set up a restricted fund. Mrs. Rhoton stated that she would like to see the money placed in the budget as getting enough donations could take a long time and the price of the materials would probably go up. After a discussion, Councilman Glasner made a motion to proceed with accepting donations and placing them in a restricted fund, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under council communications, reports and updates: Councilman Stewart thanked everyone who assisted in the bridge dedication for Lance Corporal Greg Posey and all the different organization across the county and city who participated in the Plunge

Marathon; Councilman Glasner announced that Winchester Utilities would once again be a sponsor for the Dogwood Festival next year; Councilman Scharber gave the details for the James Trimble visitation and funeral, and stated the Beer Board met on September 29, 2010 and approved an off premise beer permit for L & B Creekside Market and denied a one-time special event on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Winchester Downtown Group; Councilman Spencer stated earlier in the meeting that the Historical Committee has ordered a second printing of the downtown historical books and are working on plaques for the downtown businesses.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that MTAS recommended that the Council should meet for work sessions before Council meetings are held. After a discussion, Mayor Harrell scheduled work sessions to be held on a six-month trial basis on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month in the City Hall Courtroom, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The Department Heads will be required to attend the work sessions instead of having to attend the Council meetings. Mayor Harrell stated that the dedication of the bridge named for Lance Corporal Greg Posey Mayor was a nice event and very well attended, and he reported on the success of the first Plunge Marathon and thanked everyone who participated

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.

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: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: October 12, 2010

