

MINUTES

February 10, 2009

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was Sidewalks Ordinance #903.

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

Present: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Womack
Councilman Snead

Absent: Councilman Elliott

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Womack and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Public Works Director Steve Goodwin.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Sidewalks and Streets Ordinance #903, amending Title 16, Section 102 of the Winchester Municipal Code. No one 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.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the January 13, 2009, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next was the third and final reading of Sidewalk & Streets Ordinance #903, an ordinance amending Title 16, Section 102 of the Winchester Municipal Code. Councilman Snead informed the Council of an email received from Jonathan Hammer of Hammer's Department Store regarding this issue. Although a public hearing had been held at the beginning of this meeting, no one was present who wished to speak concerning this ordinance. However, as Mr. Hammer arrived late, Mayor Harrell had City Administrator Rhoton read Ordinance #903 and allowed Mr. Hammer to voice his concerns and/or recommendations about this ordinance. Mr. Hammer's recommendation was that wares couldn't be placed on the sidewalk until thirty minutes after opening and taken in within thirty minutes after closing. His questions concerned restrictions and times that wares could be displayed and time limit of the permits. Councilman Glasner and Community Development Committee members Bruce Spencer and Cile Alexander explained that some of the reasons for issuing restrictions and requiring

permits were to clean up cluttered sidewalks for safety issues, and to have the width needed for wheelchairs and to be handicapped accessible. Codes Official Pat Sanders will set up rules and regulations with permits issued by the Codes Department. Mayor Harrell stated that it is not the intent of the ordinance to limit or infringe upon anyone doing business around the square in using the sidewalk, but to help control the usage by keeping the sidewalks in a uniform, neat, safe, and fashionable way around the square. He further stated that he hoped the Council would be reasonable in accommodating businesses in permitting businesses to display their wares. Motion to approve Ordinance #903 was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Glasner and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #904, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to establish an airport overlay district to provide for the regulating and restricting of the height of structures and objects of natural growth and otherwise regulating the use of property in the vicinity of the Winchester Municipal Airport. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Snead and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Councilman Scharber recommended that City Administrator Rhoton be allowed to negotiate with Franklin County for the purchase of the former Franklin County finance department building to be used for our Police Department. Councilman Glasner stated that this might not be the right time to purchase property due to building a second fire station and the falling economy. Mayor Harrell tabled this item and scheduled a work session on February 24th at 7:00 a.m. as he wanted the full Council to be present to discuss the possible purchase of this property.

In the last order of unfinished business, City Administrator Rhoton advised the Council that a second revised and updated draft of the Personnel Policy had been included in their agenda packets with changes or additions to the policy shaded in gray. She requested that this item also be discussed during the February 24th work session as she would like more feedback from the Council before asking them to approve updating the Policy.

First under new business, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin presented the below listed bids received for two trucks for the Public Works Department.

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Bid:</u>
Kennith Wessner Ford	\$13,939 each - 2009 Ford ½ ton
Carriage Chevrolet	\$16,515 each - 2008 Silverado
Russell Barnett Dodge	\$17,995 each - 2008 Dodge Ram

Motion to purchase two (2) 2009 Ford ½ ton trucks from the low bid of \$13,939.00 each from Kennith Wessner Ford was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin presented the below listed bids received on a contract for mowing two city cemeteries:

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Bid:</u>
Donald Henley Lawn Care	\$44,400.00
S & M Lawn Service	\$31,500.00
Caldwell Lawn & Landscaping	\$31,000.00
Chad's Lawn & Landscaping	\$65,000.00
Cutting Edge Landscaping, LLC - only bid per cut, not on 6 months	

Motion to contract with the low bid of \$31,000.00 submitted by Caldwell Lawn and Landscaping for the seasonal mowing of two (2) city cemeteries was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the name of Cheshire Street, which is located near Townsend School, to J. H. Hunt Street. The name change was requested to honor Mr. Hunt, who had been a long time principal of Townsend School. The name of Cheshire Street was only on a plat, as the street has not been developed yet. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #905, amending Zoning Ord. #506, rezoning approximately six (6) acres of the Hawkersmith property located off Hwy. 130 near the City Park from R-1, low-density residential district to R-3A, high-density residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Mayor Harrell reappointed Cliff Vann to the Winchester Utilities Board. No further action was needed as this is a mayoral appointment.

The last order of business to be voted on regarded the motorcycle lease renewal with Bumpus Harley Davidson. This item was not

on the agenda and was brought up under Department Head communications by Police Chief Dennis Young. Councilman Glasner made a motion to allow Mrs. Rhoton to renew the two year motorcycle lease contract with Bumpus Harley Davidson, seconded by Councilman Womack and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell thanked the citizens and businesses for their patience during the downtown project renovations and stated that it would be worth it when finished.

Mayor Harrell has scheduled a Council work session on February 24th at 7:00 a.m.

Under communications, reports and updates, Councilman Glasner commended the Community Development Committee on the sidewalk ordinance. Councilman Snead stated that the Tourism Committee has new rack cards printed; also that it was the city's Day On The Hill in Nashville tomorrow. Councilman Womack asked that everyone shop at home and keep our tax dollars in the city. Mrs. Rhoton stated that the paperwork on fire station #2 has been approved.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack 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 J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: February 10, 2009