

MINUTES

July 14, 2009

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councilman Elliott
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Womack
Councilman Snead

Absent: None

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council heard quarterly reports, goals and updates from each of the City's department heads.

Bill Cowan, Director of the Winchester Downtown Program, spoke on behalf of the retail merchants who are requesting permission to use the sidewalks to host a "Taste of Summer" event on the square on August 8th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. The merchants are planning to serve ice cream, watermelon, and lemonade, among other things, and will have "jug bands" for entertainment. Mrs. Castle stated that a \$10.00 fee will be charged to those who are selling, giving away, or promoting something on the sidewalk at this event. This event is taking place in an effort to benefit the merchants by drawing more customers to their businesses on the square. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the June 9, 2009 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the reading of the minutes of the June 24, 2009 special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the reading of the minutes of the July 1, 2009 special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under unfinished business, Historical Committee Chairman Joy Gallagher presented the following bids for printing the bicentennial historical downtown business district books:

<u>Company:</u>		<u>Bid:</u>		
Herald Chronicle	100 books	\$2,943	80#	gloss
		\$2,653	60#	acid free
	200 books	\$3,393	80#	gloss
		\$2,674	60#	acid free
	500 books	\$7,546	80#	gloss
		\$5,899	60#	acid free
Sewanee Printing	no bid			
Daniell the Printer	100 books	no bid		
	200 books	\$4,990	80#	gloss
		\$4,450	28/70#	offset
	500 books	\$8,425	80#	gloss
		\$7,850	28/70#	offset

Mrs. Gallagher stated that the Historic Committee was recommending the bid by Daniell the Printer as their color was a better quality. Councilman Snead made a motion to approve the purchase, staying within our purchase policy and not to exceed the \$5,000.00 amount budgeted for printing these books, and to allow City Administrator Rhoton and the Historic Committee to work together to determine the number of books and which vendor gets the bid. Councilman Glasner seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

First under new business, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council of policies and procedures that are required for CDBG grants. Motion to adopt the required policies and procedures was made by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next was Resolution #807, a resolution to prohibit handguns in public municipal parks, natural areas, historic parks, nature trails, campgrounds, forests, greenways, waterways, or other similar public places. During a discussion, Councilman Snead spoke against the resolution, saying that there wasn't a problem with permitted gun holders, the problem was with criminals. Mayor Harrell stated he had received some emails about this resolution, and some were from people who did not live in Winchester or Franklin County, but were still against the resolution. David Wilkinson sent an email to the Mayor wanting the Council to know he was against the resolution. Dr. Becky Scharber, Director of Schools, could not be at this meeting tonight but emailed Mayor Harrell on behalf of the school system, urging the Council not to allow guns in the City Park. Dr. Scharber asked School Board Chairman Mike Cunningham to speak as a representative for the school system and Mr. Cunningham stated that Tennessee Codes prohibits a gun being carried in an area where a school activity is taking place. As the school system uses the Swimplex for their swim teams, as well as teams using the baseball fields and tennis courts, they are requesting

that handguns be restricted, at least in those areas, so the school system can still use the facilities for those sports. Councilman Elliott, Police Chief Dennis Young, Investigator Herb Glassmeyer, and audience members Johnny Hammond and Michael Way also spoke in favor for the resolution. At the end of the discussion Councilman Womack made a motion to approve Resolution #807, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and the motion passed by three ayes to two nays by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Elliott
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead

Next, the Council approved Resolution #808, a resolution authorizing the City of Winchester to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" loss control matching grant program. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under new business, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council of a request by Communications Director Kathy Blazier to use the old dispatch room in the basement of City Hall as an emergency back-up or an emergency evacuation center for the 911 Consolidated Communications Center. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell recognized the Department Heads and City Administrator Rhoton on their good work for staying within the City's budget.

Under council communications, reports and updates, Councilman Glasner commended Building and Codes Officer Pat Sanders for his work with the Codes Department and the Planning Commission. Councilman Snead stated that the rights and freedom of citizens are slowly being taken away, especially at the national level, and that we need to be careful to preserve constitutional rights. Councilman Womack praised the Beautification Committee on all their hard work and for the beautiful flowers in the City Park.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Glasner 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: July 14, 2009