

MINUTES

August 11, 2009

**** Note: FCHS media did not call or show up to tape this meeting for TV.**

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councilman Elliott
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Snead
Greg O'Neal, City Attorney
Steve Goodwin, Public Works Director

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council approved a request by the Winchester Fire Department to hold a roadblock for the Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot" event on August 23, 2009. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor.

In the only item of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the July 14, 2009 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, with wording corrected to read "three ayes to two nays" in the first paragraph on page two. Councilman Glasner seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the first order of new business, the Council approved the 2008/2009 audit contract with Clark and Knies Accountants on a motion by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council decided to table the item regarding adding turn signals to a couple of downtown traffic lights until a later time as money for this item is not in the current budget and the Mayor and Council are trying to stay within the set budget.

Next, Councilman Glasner recommended that the City begin using evaluation factors for government contracts (attached) which will be included in bid specifications, and to have a purchasing committee review the bids and bring their recommendations to the Council. Councilman Womack made the motion to approve the evaluation factors, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor.

Last under new business, Police Chief Dennis Young stated that the City had been awarded a "Bryne" grant and requested permission

to purchase a police patrol vehicle with funds from this grant. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell asked City Administrator Rhoton to set up a meeting with Dr. Scharber, Director of Schools, for a meet and greet session and also to discuss videoing council meetings.

Mayor Harrell scheduled a work session with the new Council to review the sign and sidewalk ordinances on Tuesday, September 1st at 4:30 p.m.

The Mayor was pleased and impressed with the compassion, support and patriotism shown by everyone who came to the Winchester Municipal Airport and along the streets and the downtown square to honor the funeral procession of our fallen soldier, Lance Corporal Gregory A. Posey. The 22 year-old Marine died from wounds received in Afghanistan and his body was flown back home to Franklin County. Mayor Harrell reminded everyone to be thankful of the rights that we have which come from our military personnel putting their lives at risk.

The Mayor commended the Department Heads and City Administrator Rhoton on their good work for staying within the City's budget.

Mayor Harrell thanked outgoing Councilmen Sonny Elliott and Gene Snead for their time and hard work while serving as Councilmen for the City. He stated his appreciation for Councilman Elliott filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Jim Franklin, and for Councilmen Snead who, during his two terms of office, was instrumental in starting our International Dogwood Festival, serving on various committees, and also serving as Vice Mayor during his first term of office.

Mayor Harrell congratulated Councilman Womack on his re-election to the City Council and congratulated and welcomed our two newly elected officials, Bruce Spencer and Cheyne Stewart to the City Council.

Under council communications, reports and updates, Councilman Elliott thanked everyone and stated that he had enjoyed his time on the Council and congratulated those who were elected. He further stated that he did not run for office due to health and other reasons which would keep him from being able to give a 100% commitment, which he felt was needed when holding this office. Councilman Scharber reminded people not to let anyone ever tell you that one vote doesn't count, so don't forget to pull the lever at election time, as there was only a five vote difference between three of the candidates running for Winchester City Council this time. Councilman Womack thanked everyone

who voted for him and stated he was looking forward to working with the new Council.

Under updates and reports from Department Heads, Police Chief Dennis Young stated that Winchester Detective Chris Layne had received the prestigious "Officer of the Year" award at the Police Chief's annual convention held last weekend in Chattanooga.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, 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

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