

MINUTES

September 13, 2016

The Winchester City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Teena Waggoner, City Recorder; various Department Heads, audience members; news media; and the following Council Members:

Present: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman Alexander
Councilwoman Bates
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Boy Scout Luke Merritt and the Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Kylan Foster.

In the first order of business, Isiah Robinson with Congressman Scott Dejarlas' office wanted to let the City Council know how appreciative they are for the City of Winchester installing the signage for the office at Sisk Cleaners and the Federal Building. It is much easier for the public to locate the office now.

In the first item of unfinished business, the minutes of August 9, 2016 Council meeting were dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer and seconded by Councilman Womack. All voted in favor of said motion.

In the next item of unfinished business, the minutes of the September 2, 2016 Special Called Council meeting were dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilwoman Alexander and seconded by Councilman Spencer. All voted in favor of said motion.

In the first item of business under new business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton asked that road closures for the Downtown Christmas event be tabled until the next meeting to gather additional information.

In the next item of business, Councilwoman Bates requested the reappointment of Marie Mosley to the Beer Board Committee. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve reappointing

Marie Mosley and Councilman Spencer seconded the motion. All voted in favor of said motion.

In the next item of business, Councilwoman Alexander requested the reappointment of Jeff Smith and Odell Ray to the Winchester Airport Authority. Councilman Snead made a motion to approve reappointing Jeff Smith and Odell Ray to the Airport Authority and Councilwoman Bates seconded the motion. All voted in favor of said motion.

In the next order of business, the first reading of Ordinance #989, An Ordinance amending Ordinance #739, to establish an updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations, and to provide for a Safety Director and the implementation of such program plan. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Alexander
Councilwoman Bates
Councilman Snead
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton explained that some areas of the Howard Hall Walking Trail on Old Estill Springs Road continue to erode. She requested approval to have the trouble areas paved. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the paving, Councilwoman Alexander seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the next order of business, Police Chief Dennis Young requested permission to surplus the list of service weapons in the Police Department. Along with the service weapons, we plan to trade our weapons and some confiscated weapons to purchase new weapons. Councilwoman Bates approved the list of surplus weapons, Councilman Snead seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of the said motion.

In the last order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton spoke about the rising costs of our Health Insurance. This year the premium increased by fifteen percent. In order to manage premium costs, we are looking at a self-insured plan with a stop-

loss policy. The plan will be with Cigna and will have an effective date of October 1, 2016. Councilwoman Alexander made a motion to approve the Health Insurance, Councilman Spencer seconded the motion, all members voted in favor of said motion.

Under communications, City Administrator Beth Rhoton invited everyone to attend the Wriggle on Friday, September 23, 2016. Councilwoman Alexander asked for Welcome Information to be distributed to new businesses that will be locating in the downtown district so that they are not surprised about the Downtown regulations. Police Chief Dennis Young commented on how nice the Police and Firefighter Memorial Service was on September 12, 2016. Mayor Terry Harrell thanked everyone for all their hard work during the Police and Firefighter Memorial event. Mayor Harrell thanked several members of Boy Scout Troop 185 for attending, and also participating in the Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Alexander made a motion to adjourn the Winchester City Council Meeting at 5:18 p.m. Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator
City of Winchester

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder