

MINUTES

December 8, 2009

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing was for Zoning Ordinance #912 and Rezoning Ordinance #913.

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

Present: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Stewart
Councilman Womack

Absent: Judy Baker, City Recorder

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Bill Cowan and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Young.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #912, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506 by establishing a new zoning district to be known as R-2S, medium density single family residential district. Next for public hearing was Ordinance #913, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone the areas bound to the north by 4th Avenue SW, to the east by South Jefferson Street, to the south by 6th Avenue SW and to the west by the Winchester City Cemetery (Embrey Addition Subdivision) from R-2 medium-density residential district, to R-2S, medium density single family residential district. No one spoke for or against these ordinances and the public hearing was adjourned.

The regular Council meeting began immediately upon the close of the public hearing.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Kiwanis Club represented by Jeannie Bates, requested the city to co-sponsor their annual High-On-The-Hog BBQ event in the City Park as we've been doing for several years. This event will take place April 11-18, 2010 and their request is to use the City Park buildings, parking areas, with utilities provided, support of Winchester City services, and provide at least one city worker to help at the festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mayor Harrell informed the Kiwanis Club representatives that they will have to go through the Utility Company to request to have their utility fees waived during the High-On-The-Hog BBQ event as the City cannot waive those fees. Motion for approval of their other requests was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the November 10, 2009 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 #912, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506 by establishing a new zoning district to be known as R-2S, medium density single family residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and the motion passed unanimously 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 #913, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone the areas bound to the north by 4th Avenue SW, to the east by South Jefferson Street, to the south by 6th Avenue SW and to the west by the Winchester City Cemetery (Embrey Addition Subdivision) from R-2 medium-density residential district to R-2S, medium density single family residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, the Council re-approved the CDBG rehabilitation program policies and procedures for governing the operation of Winchester Housing Rehabilitation project grants. This document includes the persons per household and figures for annual income limit on page 2 that had been left off the original document approved at the July 14, 2009 council meeting. Mayor Harrell explained that this housing grant is for six houses located in front of our Police Department and they are ready to go out to bid. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson requested approval to apply for a three year "Safer" staffing grant to hire three (3) more firemen that are needed in order to have two firemen per shift at our current station and for our new fire station. Motion for approval to apply for

the grant was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion

Next, Fire Chief Greeson informed the Council of the need to purchase rescue equipment for the Fire Department. He stated that a power unit, the main source of hydraulic pressure for the Jaws of Life, is unreliable and needs to be replaced. Chief Greeson found a set of demonstrator equipment which includes a spreader, cutter, hydraulic pump and two sections of hose at a cost of \$9,000.00. Fire Chief Greeson stated that the Purchasing Committee recommended purchasing the rescue equipment. Councilman Scharber made the motion to purchase the equipment and to do so out of the Fire Department's operating budget and make any adjustments later if necessary, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

He stated that the Purchasing Committee recommended purchasing this equipment, with the cost to be taken out of the fire department's existing operating budget. Motion for approval of the purchase was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested approval for a memorandum of understanding be signed for the City to apply and administer the grant program for the Blue Way Trail, a program that is under the Greenway system. The mission of this program is to promote the use of paddle driven watercraft on the waters of the Tim's Ford Reservoir in Franklin County, Tennessee, develop access points, paddling routes, and backcountry campsites, and provide information to the public on the opportunities available for paddle driven watercraft on the Tim's Ford Reservoir. The memorandum of understanding is between the City of Winchester, Tims Ford Reservoir Blue Way Trail Program, the Town of Estill Springs, Franklin County Government, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Tennessee State Park system. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton explained that she received a request from a downtown merchant to bring up the enforcement of downtown parking, but that merchant was not here.

Bill Cowan spoke for the merchants in attendance to make sure the city is enforcing downtown parking, as they felt some business people were abusing the parking situation by parking in spaces that should be available to customers. Mayor Harrell urged business owners to encourage their employees and themselves to park in the free parking

lots. City Administrator Rhoton and Police Chief Young assured the merchants that the city is and will continue to enforce parking.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the City's Bicentennial Dinner was a success and appreciated the hard work of those who put this event together. He also commended everyone who came downtown Sunday to see our local National Guard unit as they left Winchester going to Camp Shelby Mississippi for training. An event will be planned for the unit when they return home at Christmas before being deployed to Iraq. Mayor Harrell asked everyone to remember and help those who are less fortunate at this time of year and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe holiday season.

Under council communications, reports and updates, City Administrator Rhoton stated that Investigators Danny Mantooth, Chris Layne, Herb Glassmeyer, and Police Chief Dennis Young received outstanding service awards from the FBI. The "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" downtown event will be Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is free to the public. Franklin County A. M. Rotary will host a pancake breakfast in San Miquel's coffee shop with the proceeds helping to bring our local National Guard unit home for Christmas.

Under updates and reports from Department Heads, Recreation Director Wayne Nuckolls stated that the 20+ year old back dock fishing pier needs to be torn down and replaced and he will be seeking bids for a new metal dock. Councilman Stewart asked that a report from TML's last inspection on that dock be available for the next Council meeting.

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.

City of Winchester's website is:

www.winchester-tn.com

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International Dogwood Festival website is:

www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Faye Morrow

Date of Meeting: December 8, 2009