

MINUTES

February 12, 2008

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, beginning with a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was Rezoning Ordinance #886.

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

Present: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Franklin

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

Mayor Harrell called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jerry Johns, an employee of the City of Winchester's Public Works Department, who recently passed away and will be dearly missed.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #886, rezoning the Petersham property at the intersection of Cowan Highway 64/41A and Arnold Farm Road from C-2, highway service district to R-1, low-density residential district. 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 meeting.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council heard quarterly reports from Public Works Director Steve Goodwin and Parks & Recreation Director Wayne Nuckolls. During Mr. Goodwin's report, he informed the Council that fifty-three street signs were stolen over the last three months, causing a large expense to the City.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton stated she had received a written request from Twin Creeks Development asking for permission to clean up the property located off Hwy. 50 where the proposed Dry Creek project/marina is to be built. TDEC informed Mrs. Rhoton that although the City leases that property, nothing can be done on that property without their approval. She will notify the developer that permission is subject to TDEC process approval.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the January 8, 2008, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #886, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone the Petersham property located at the intersection of Cowan Highway 64/41A and Arnold Farm Road from C-2, highway service district to R-1, low 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, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #887, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone the Phil Hall property located at 502 Old Cowan Road from C-2, highway service district to R-3, low density residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

First under new business, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin stated that a bid opening was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008, for a brush chipper and bids are listed below:

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Bid:</u>
Wilder Motor & Equipment	\$30,923.75
Vermeer of Tennessee	\$34,500.00

Mr. Goodwin has \$22,000.00 in the Public Works budget for this equipment but another \$8,000.00 is needed. Mrs. Rhoton stated that she would see if the additional money needed would qualify through State Street Aid funds. Mr. Goodwin stated that the present brush chipper is thirteen years old and would be sold as surplus. Councilman Snead made a motion to approve the low bid by Wilder Motor & Equipment for \$30,923.75, with the first choice to take funds out of State Street Aids and sell the old brush chipper on gov.deals.com; and the second choice being to take funds out of the general budget if not available from State Street Aid.

A line item budget amendment will also be necessary. Councilman Glasner seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #793, to submit a 2008 Community Development Block Grant application to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for housing rehabilitation in the Second Avenue S.W. area of the City. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack,

and all voted in favor of said motion. (The City has applied for this grant twice before without receiving it).

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #888, to adopt various standard codes relating to inspection activities of the City and enforcement of building provisions as provided in said codes, amend or repeal ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Glasner, who wants the new code changes read and reviewed to see what impact the new changes have from the 2003 codes. All voted in favor of the motion by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #889, to adopt the 2006 edition of the National Fire Protection Association 101 Life Safety and/or 2006 International Fire Code relating to inspection activities of the City and enforcement of building provisions as provided in said codes, amend or repeal ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. Councilman Glasner stated the changes for these codes should also be reviewed from the previous codes. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that a survey conducted by Kurt Johnson of Johnson and Associates produced the deed showing ownership by the City for the alleyway located behind the east side of the square and bordering Burger King. Due to parking enforcement, some businesses are asking that certain parking places in the alleyway be labeled as theirs. As there are major sewer lines running through the alleyway, the City would have to retain easement to that property in order to be able to work on the sewer lines and for fire protection. City Attorney O'Neal requested time to research any possibilities for doing this and to place the item on the March agenda.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented a request by the Franklin County Baseball Backers to upgrade sound equipment at the Gamble Sports Complex with a bid from KK's Music (attached) in the amount of \$1,400.00. Councilman Glasner made a motion for approval, with the City retaining ownership of this equipment and Franklin County being

responsible for maintenance in the current lease, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested permission to surplus the City's old Christmas decorations, which are in ill repair, and to donate them to the City of Huntland. Mrs. Rhoton stated a line item will be placed in the budget for new Christmas decorations. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, and seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor.

Next, Mayor Harrell appointed Gina Hammer, Linda Grant and Margaret Lynch to the Tourism Committee.

In the last order of business, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that the item to amend the Beer Ordinance has been withdrawn as it is not ready at this time. City Attorney O'Neal placed the requested amendment in letter form, but when given to MTAS for their review, the consultant stated many other things needed to be done to this ordinance and could not be completed in time for this meeting. The Beer Ordinance amendment will be placed on the March agenda.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell scheduled a work session on the budget for Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Under Council, Departments, and committee reports, updates and communications, Councilman Snead recognized Bryan Dalton for his hard work on the City's website, especially concerning the Dogwood Festival.

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

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: February 12, 2008

