

MINUTES  
May 13, 2008

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Franklin  
Councilman Snead  
Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, Franklin County Quarterback Club representative Rodger Stewart requested funding for the Jonathan Acklen Fishing Rodeo. Mayor Harrell informed Mr. Stewart that money was not in the current budget for this item but a work session on the budget will be scheduled soon and the Council will take this request into consideration.

Next, Christine Hopkins, Task Force Chairperson for the planned Southern Middle Tennessee Technical Institute, gave a presentation explaining the need for a local institute of technology and higher education in Franklin County, which could take several years to bring about. She requested the Mayor and Council to sign a letter of endorsement in support for this school and the Council agreed.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the April 15, 2008, regular Council meeting (rescheduled from April 8<sup>th</sup>) was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #893, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone the Baxter & Baxter property located on 41-A Bypass from R-1, low-density residential district to C-2, highway service district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #894, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to adopt floodplain regulations to

establish eligibility to participate in the national flood insurance program. 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 Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #895, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to amend sign regulations. 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 Womack

Nays: None

First under new business, Mayor Harrell read a letter of resignation from Councilman Jim Franklin, who cited not having enough time to give to this position due to his family-owned business obligations and that his business took him out of town frequently. Mayor Harrell stated his appreciation for everything Mr. Franklin had done for the City and then recommended Thomas "Sonny" Elliott, Jr. be appointed to fill the vacant council seat left by Mr. Franklin's resignation. Councilman Scharber moved to appoint Thomas Elliott, Jr. as Councilman, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion. Mayor Harrell introduced Mr. Elliott to the audience and stated that he had served for many years on the Planning Commission as well as other city committees and stated that Mr. Elliott would be sworn in as Councilman as soon as possible. Everyone welcomed Mr. Elliott to his new position.

In the next order of business, Mayor Harrell recommended the items concerning bids on the Downtown TDOT Phase I square revitalization project and bids for sanitation waste collection be tabled at this time and the Council agreed. These are large monetary projects and Mayor Harrell wanted Councilman Snead, who was absent, and newly appointed Councilman Elliott to be present to review these bids.

Mayor Harrell scheduled a work session to study the budget, the Downtown Phase I bids, the sanitation waste collection bids, and any other miscellaneous items that may need to be discussed, for Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Harrell then scheduled a special called meeting of the City Council to take place immediately after the close of the work session. The reason for the special called meeting is the bids for the Downtown TDOT square revitalization project and bids for sanitation waste collection. The work session and the special called council meeting will take place in the City Hall Annex building.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton and Public Works Director Steve Goodwin presented the following bids received for the Hundred Oaks Street roadway widening project, with the bid opening held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.:

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Bid:</u>
Tinsley Asphalt, LLC	\$64,440.00
Pecs Construction	\$71,160.00

Motion to approve the low bid by Tinsley Asphalt in the amount of \$64,440.00 was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin presented the following bids received for asphalt resurfacing and stripping, with the bid opening held May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon:

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Bid:</u>
Rogers Group	\$50.90 per ton
Tinsley Asphalt, LLC	\$52.50 per ton

Motion to approve the low bid by the Rogers Group in the amount of \$50.90 per ton was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Mayor Harrell recognized Coyle Clark, accountant with Clark and Knies Accountants, who was present for any questions concerning the first reading of the budget documents with the Council.

The Council then approved the first draft reading of Ordinance #896, an ordinance amending Appropriations Ordinance #879 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first draft reading of Ordinance #897, an ordinance making appropriations for the administration operation and maintenance and capital expenditures of each department, agency and fund of the City of Winchester for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. 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 Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first draft reading of Ordinance #880, an ordinance assessing and levying taxes within the corporate limits of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,

at a preliminary rate of seventy-nine cents (\$0.79) per one hundred dollars, with this rate subject to change. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner  
Councilman Scharber  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the last order of business, the Council approved the certificate of compliance for Tim and Brenda Long, owners of T.J.'s Liquor on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell stated that City of Bolivar representatives visited Winchester for an open meeting on the progress concerning their respective downtown revitalization projects. Mayor Harrell named board members for the Winchester Downtown Group which consists of the following people: Fernando Santisteban, Margaret Lynch, David Cowan, Sean Crabtree, Tim Priest, Parker Sherrill, Mayor Harrell, Margaret Lynch, Bruce Spencer, Brent McGill, and Richard Stewart who will be representing the County. Mayor Harrell thanked the board members for their commitment for the next eight years to improve the downtown area.

Under Council, Departments, and committee reports, updates and other communications, Councilman Glasner reported that the Community Development Committee met and approved the Sign Ordinance and are currently looking at an ordinance regarding sidewalks. City Administrator Rhoton informed everyone that the Old Cowan Road Park had undergone a clean up with bathrooms painted and new landscaping and thanked all the departments and their employees who helped with this project. Mrs. Rhoton stated that the same will be done to Adventure Mountain. She thanked the Rogers Group for donating the sand that was used at the Dogwood Festival and will now be used at the park. Mrs. Rhoton also reported that Wendy Moore brought the City a check for \$2,950.29 from the Franklin County Community Playground fund and that money will go toward purchasing mulch to be used at Adventure Mountain. This group was originally responsible for getting the playground built. Councilman Womack thanked Jim Franklin for having served as Councilman and stated that he would be missed and this sentiment was echoed by everyone.

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](http://www.winchester-tn.com)

and

International Dogwood Festival website is:

[www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com](http://www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com)

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Terry Harrell, Mayor  
City of Winchester

Attest:

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Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2008