

MINUTES

November 11, 2008

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The reason for the public hearing was the third and final readings of Annexation Ordinance #901 and Rezoning Ordinance #902.

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 Elliott
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Womack
Councilman Snead

Absent: Steve Goodwin, Public Works Director

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

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #901, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to annex City/Winchester Airport Authority properties located in areas around the airport, and for Ordinance #902, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone 14.78 acres of the Petersham property located at the intersection of Cowan Hwy. 64/41A and Arnold Farm Road from R-1 to C-2. No one spoke for or against the ordinances and the public hearing was adjourned.

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

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the October 14, 2008, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #901, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to annex City/Winchester Airport Authority properties (including parcels 26.01, 27.07, 7.07, 8.02, 7.06, 25, and 26.03). The annexed properties are all located in areas around the airport. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Elliott
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #902, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to rezone 14.78 acres of the Petersham property located at the intersection of Cowan Hwy. 64/41A and Arnold Farm Road from R-1 to C-2. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Elliott
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

First under new business, the Council approved the only bid for an electrical system modification for the Annex Building submitted by J. Hargrove Construction in the amount of \$8,800.00. This bid includes material, labor and permits to bring the building up to code. Motion to approve this bid was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton and Codes Inspector Pat Sanders presented the following bids received for a truck for the Codes Department:

| <u>Company:</u> | <u>Bid:</u> |
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| Kennith Wessner Ford | \$15,600 2007 Ford Explorer Sport Trac |
| Russell Barnett Dodge | \$15,988 2007 Ford Explorer Sport Trac |

The Codes Department put this truck out for a rebid after not accepting bids received from the October meeting. Councilman Snead made a motion to approve the low bid by Kennith Wessner Ford in the amount of \$15,600.00 for the Codes Department, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #802, a resolution providing for the maintenance, preservation, and protection of public records and establishing procedures for accessing and copying public records. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilman Scharber stated he had looked at two properties as potential sites for the Winchester Police Department. He said that the Hall property on South College Street was in disrepair and would need a lot of work before that building could house the Police Department, whereas the Franklin County Finance Department building was in good condition and ready to move in. Mr. Scharber also stated that the Franklin County Mayor would need to declare the Finance building as surplus at the county's next meeting and negotiate a purchase price. City Administrator Rhoton stated a retail property located within half a block from City Hall would be coming up for sale if the City would be

interested in looking at it. Councilman Glasner stated he thought the City needed to be frugal as we already had plans to build a fire hall and that we shouldn't make another purchase this year. (A motion was made during the next agenda item to place this issue on the January agenda).

Next, Councilman Elliott and Bryan Dalton presented the recommendation of the Winchester Recreation Committee for the city to purchase at least 25 of 51 acres of land offered by the Hawkersmith family, who are asking \$14,000 per acre. The Recreation Committee is not asking to purchase the land at this time, but seeking permission to look into availability of funding the purchase, from grants or selling the old little league fields, etc. They would like to have the additional acreage to expand the City Park for more little league and soccer fields, walking trails, to enlarge the frisbee golf course, and to build a skate park. The Recreation Committee also recommended offering \$9,000 per acre instead of the \$14,000 asking price. After a discussion, Councilman Scharber made a motion to table the recommendation by the Recreation Department to purchase the Hawkersmith property, as well as tabling the purchase of property for the Police Department, and place these two items on the January Council meeting. Councilman Womack seconded and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of business, the Council approved giving full-time and part-time permanent city employees a Christmas bonus in the amount of \$250.00 on a motion by Councilman Elliott, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell stated that economic conditions were impacting the local economy as well as state and world wide economy and scheduled a budget work session to convene one hour before the regular council meeting on January 13, 2008. Mayor Harrell said it was very important that the city stay on track with our budget. Our city has been fortunate to have had good, sound management for many years and our goal is to continue that process. He asked Mrs. Rhoton to have the necessary budget information ready for the work shop.

The following communications, reports and updates were given: Councilman Glasner's Community Development Committee has a revision ready to amend the sidewalk ordinance and requested this to be placed on the December agenda. Mr. Glasner also wants the Codes Department to set prices for building permits based on square footage and to bring a proposal for this to the January meeting; Councilman Scharber stated that the annual Operation Noel Ham Breakfast will be held December 6th and that tickets are on sale now. He urged people to buy tickets so that every child in need could have Christmas presents;

Councilman Snead stated that the International Dogwood Festival 5K Run, sponsored by Therapy Works, will take place on November 15th, with t-shirts and mugs given to all the runners and trophies going to the winners in all the age brackets.

As this is Veterans Day, the Mayor stated how much we appreciate the veterans who are serving and those who have served in years past and the service they've given to our country and for those who gave the supreme sacrifice. Mayor Harrell asked that, before we go to sleep tonight, everyone please think about the sacrifices being made by our soldiers and their families for the freedom that we are able to enjoy because of their efforts.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Scharber, 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: November 11, 2008