

MINUTES

December 9, 2008

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Greg O'Neal, City Attorney; Faye Morrow, Administrative Director; 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
Bryan Dalton, Swimplex Director
Judy Baker, Secretary

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

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the November 11, 2008, 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.

First under new business, City Administrator Rhoton presented the below listed bids received on used vehicle for the Public Works Department.

<u>Company:</u>	<u>Bid:</u>
Kennith Wessner Ford	\$ 9,875 2005 Ford F-150
Russell Barnett Dodge	\$12,900 2005 Ford F-150
" " "	\$ 9,998 2005 Dodge 1500

Mrs. Rhoton stated that the city advertised for used trucks to try to save money and was not expecting bids at these prices with such high mileage on the vehicles. She asked that these bids be tabled and to advertise for bids on new vehicles to see how much higher the cost would be than those of the used trucks and place this on the January agenda. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested permission to apply for a TVA land use application for seven tracts of land that adjoin our City Park and other locations. TVA has agreed to charge the city only for one application fee of \$5,000.00 for all seven tracts of land and also waive the yearly lease fees. Councilman Glasner moved for approval, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Sidewalk

Ordinance #903, an ordinance amending Title 16, Section 102 of the Winchester Municipal Code. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, 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, Councilman Womack requested that speed limits on Bible Crossing Road and the Cowan Highway (64W) be raised from 30 to 40 miles an hour, and to post a warning sign 500 feet before the stop sign. The Council discussed the pros and cons of raising the limits and wanted the Police Department to have time to check the speeds on those roads by using the speed trailer, and to compile and bring this information back to them. Councilman Glasner made a motion to table raising the speed limit in order to obtain additional information until the January Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Elliott, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator spoke about the shop at home program. Due to nationwide declining economy, she stressed that it is important that we, as a city, support our local businesses, and to get a program out to let our citizens know how our money is disbursed when they spend money at home. A percentage of the state shared taxes and sales tax comes back to the city and county as revenue and helps fund our expenses, which is an incentive for everyone to shop locally. She stated that the city will be actively campaigning to shop at home by placing ads with the radio stations and newspaper.

In the last order of business, Mrs. Rhoton informed the Council that Swimplex Director Bryan Dalton had five employees who work a minimum amount of hours per week (at least 10 to 15 hours every week) opening and closing the pool or teaching classes with hours that are hard positions to fill. Due to the dedication of these employees, Mr. Dalton is requesting that they also receive a Christmas bonus. A \$250.00 Christmas bonus was approved at the November council meeting for all full-time employees, and for part-time permanent employees who work 25 to 30 hours every week. Councilman Glasner made a motion to give those five employees a Christmas bonus of \$50.00, seconded by Councilman Scharber the motion passed by a vote of four ayes to one nay cast by Councilman Snead, who wanted them to have the full \$250.00 bonus.

Under mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell wants the Department Heads to give their quarterly reports in writing as the Council is going to meet at 5:00 p.m., an hour before the regular

council meeting on January 13, 2008, for a budget work session. Mayor Harrell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Under communications, reports and updates, all Councilmen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Councilman Snead bragged on the city's International Dogwood Festival Float and all who worked on it.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack 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: Faye Morrow

Date of Meeting: December 9, 2008