

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 21, 2007

The City Council of Winchester met in a special session called by Mayor Harrell on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the special called meeting was for the following: second readings of Ordinance #881, adopting a compliance manual regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and Ordinance #882, to rescind Ord. #778 and abolish the Winchester Planning Department; minutes of the June 12th council meeting; and animal control.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Judy Baker, secretary; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

A quorum being present, Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order and the meeting proceeded with the transaction of business. The special called meeting form reads as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

To the Council Members of the City of Winchester, Tennessee,
to-wit:

Jim Franklin
Glen Glasner
William (Bobby) Scharber
Gene Snead
William Womack

Notice is hereby given that a special called meeting of the City Council will be held at the hour of 12:00 noon on Thursday, the 21st day of June, 2007.

Judy Baker
Secretary

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of Winchester, Tennessee, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice waiving any and all irregularities in such notice, and consent and agree that said Council shall meet at the time and place named therein for the purpose therein named.

Jim Franklin
Councilman

Glen Glasner
Councilman

William Scharber
Councilman

Gene Snead
Councilman

William Womack
Councilman

First under unfinished business, the Council approved the minutes of the June 12th council meeting on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor.

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #881, adopting a compliance manual regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, before voting on the second reading of Ordinance #882, an ordinance to rescind Ordinance #778 and abolish the Winchester Planning Department, Councilman Glasner read the following statement: "I want to go on record about the decision to eliminate the Planning Department. As a business man with over 30 years of management experience in businesses with budgets of \$100 million or more, I reviewed the City budget with the idea to look at the things that we had to have and the things that I felt did not give us the value for the dollars spent. I recommended the elimination of the Planning Department and the moving of the EGTV for the following reasons: (1) The EGTV was supposed to be used for Education and Government. There was little or no Education being provided. I felt the Education Department could better utilize the EGTV to educate many students and provide the services intended. (2) We have spent more than \$1.25M on EGTV and the Planning Department since it was established with little to show for the money spent. (3) The web site can be maintained by an employee that has a full time job with this as additional duties. (4) I have served on the Planning and Zoning Board and Building and Codes Committee and know the inputs provided by the Planning Department and what it takes to provide these inputs. Based on the above, I recommend the ordinance be approved." With no more discussion, Councilman Glasner then made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #882, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed on a vote of four ayes to one nay cast by Councilman Snead by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Snead

In the last order of business, the Council discussed entering into an agreement with the County for a Consolidated Animal Control Board. Eric Stewart, representing the CACB, was present to answer any questions concerning this agreement. After a recommendation by City Administrator Rhoton, Councilman Glasner made a motion for the City to enter into an agreement with the CACB with the following amendments to be added: (1) the City will pay the CACB \$40,000 per year; (2) the City will give the CACB a vehicle of our choice for their use; (3) the City will allow the CACB temporary use of the City's pound and relevant animal control equipment; (4) the CACB is to hire the City's animal control officer, Jimmy Taylor, at his current seniority. Councilman Scharber seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

Before adjourning, Mayor Harrell scheduled interviews for the internal postings for the open positions of the Building Codes Officer and for the Fire Chief for Thursday, June 28, 2007, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Snead asked when the animal control agreement would become effective. Eric Stewart stated it would become effective July 1, 2007, pursuant to the municipalities signing the agreement but in actually, it will become effective when passed by County Commission. He further stated that the \$40,000 received from the City will be prorated according to when the agreement starts. City Administrator Rhoton stated that Mr. Taylor would stay employed by the City until that point and, should something happen and the agreement not go through, Mr. Taylor would keep his position with the City.

Mayor Harrell recognized Animal Control Officer Jimmy Taylor who voiced his concerns about the possible difference with his current salary and benefits and what his salary and benefits would be with the County. He questioned what would happen with his vacation time and the sick leave he has built up. City Administrator Rhoton informed him that he would get his vacation time but not sick leave as our policy states employees have to have twenty years of service in order to take their sick leave. It was noted that some of the County's benefits are better than the City's, but their health insurance was higher for family plan coverage. Mr. Taylor said that he did not mind going to the County, but did not want to lose money by doing so. Mrs. Rhoton stated that she would see if Mr. Taylor's sick leave could be honored by the County, and Mr. Stewart said that he thought the County would be open to doing that. Councilman Snead recommended to Eric Stewart to have the County's Human Resource Department get with Mr. Taylor and explain the County's benefit

package to him and he can compare all the options.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: June 21, 2007