

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 29, 2007

The City Council of Winchester met in a special session called by Mayor Harrell on Friday, June 29., 2007, at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the special called meeting was the discussion of and possible appointments to the positions of Building Codes Inspector/Codes Enforcement Official and for Fire Chief.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; 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 Friday, the 29th 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

In the only item of business, the Council discussed applications for the positions of Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Officer and for Fire Chief. These job openings were only posted internally and were not advertised to the public in order to allow City employees first opportunity for advancement. Cameron Walter and Diana Cox applied for the Building/Codes Officer and Gary Greeson applied for Fire Chief. Interviews for these positions were held for the three individuals on Thursday, June 28, 2007, by the Mayor and City Council and the Council stated they were pleased with all interviews.

City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that Cameron Walter told her earlier today that he had chosen to withdraw his application for Building/Codes Officer and decided to leave the City to seek employment elsewhere.

During a discussion concerning hiring from within or to seek outside candidates for the position of Building /Codes Officer, Mayor Harrell stated that Diana Cox would still be a candidate for this position if the Council decided to seek outside applications. He further recommended allowing Mrs. Cox to continue her career path by taking classes and schooling in training for the Building and Codes department regardless of the Council's decision. City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that Don Cofer, former Building and Codes Inspector/Officer, is still on contract to conduct inspections so the City is still covered, but stated that it would be to our advantage to cover the position as soon as possible. Councilman Glasner made a motion to seek outside candidates and to advertise in the local newspapers (Herald Chronicle and Tullahoma Sunday News) and in TML's Town & City paper for the position of Building Codes Inspector/Codes Enforcement Officer. Councilman Womack seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

The Council discussed the only in-house application for Fire Chief by Lt. Gary Greeson and stated they were impressed with his interview. They felt that he hit on the points and areas that need attention in the Fire Department. Councilman Scharber made a motion to hire Gary Greeson as Fire Chief, with a six month probation period to demonstrate his abilities to perform as Fire Chief. Councilman Franklin commented that Gary has been with the Fire Department for many years and stated in his interview that being a fireman is his life. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion to hire Gary as Fire Chief as he sensed a true desire that Mr. Greeson wanted to make the necessary improvements to the Fire Department and, since the Council graded him highly on his interview, felt they should give Gary this opportunity. All voted in

favor of hiring Gary Greeson as Fire Chief with the six month probation period.

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: Beth J. Rhoton

Date of meeting: June 29, 2007