

MINUTES
July 10, 2007

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Judy Baker, Secretary; Greg O'Neal, City Attorney; various Department Heads; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Franklin

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, Mayor Harrell read a proclamation naming July 21, 2007 as Military Appreciation Day.

Next, the Council approved a request from Shane Stovall to hold a basketball fundraising event at the Old Cowan Road Park on August 18th on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council heard an update from Diana Woodward about a back-to-school event hosted by the Downtown Merchants and featuring a cruise-in, sock-hop, etc. This event is to take place the first weekend in August on the square, and Mrs. Woodward was told to coordinate the event with the City Administrator and the Police Chief.

Next, the Council heard quarterly reports, goals and updates from John Larkin, manager of Winchester Utilities, Joshua Abramson, manager of Winchester Municipal Airport, and from each of the City's department heads.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the June 28th special called council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the reading of the minutes of the June 29th special called council meeting was dispensed and approved as written on a motion by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next on the agenda were bids for heating and air conditioning units for the Citizens Pavilion which had been tabled at the June meeting. Mayor Harrell asked that this item be tabled to a

later council meeting to explore other options due to the size of the units that were bid and possible inadequate power supply.

First under new business, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #883, amending Zoning Ord. #506 to zone approximately 54 acres of the Yokley and Foster, Blair Pond Partnership LP property located off Blair Pond Road as R-1, low-density residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #884, amending Zoning Ord. #506 to rezone the Southern Living facility property located on Hwy. 64/41A at Arnold Farm Road from R-1, low-density residential district to R-3A, high-density residential alternative district. 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 Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council discussed the following attached bids received for additions to the soccer complex/walking trail at the Gamble Sports Complex:

Kent Carvell Construction, Inc.	\$747,700.00
J. W. Gamble & Son	\$462,342.42

After reviewing the bids, which are more than the city has to spend, the Council decided to rebid for dirt work only for two fields instead of four with our existing grant money on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

The Council further decided to allow the City to apply for a second recreation grant to continue the soccer project on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that Mr. Russ Mason is interested in purchasing a five acre tract of property in the Crownover Industrial Park at \$5,000.00 per acre. Mr. Mason stated he planed to open a captive molding business starting with 8 employees and hoped to employ 15 people within a year. Motion to approve the sale of the five acres for a total amount of \$25,000.00, with a contingency clause to be placed in the contract by City Attorney

O'Neal that the property would revert back to the City within four years if Mr. Mason does not open and operate a business, was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #787, authorizing the City to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" loss control 50/50 matching grant program. 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 Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved Resolution #788, appropriating funds to non-profit charitable and non-profit civic organizations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and the motion passed by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Womack

Abstain: Councilman Snead (conflict of interest)

Nays: None

Next, the Council discussed Resolution #789, to adopt the updated five-year strategic economic development plan for the Three-Star Program. Without approving the Resolution, Councilman Glasner made a motion to agree to commit the City's participation to the program, contingent upon a work session with the Chamber to answer any questions concerning the five year plan. Councilman Scharber seconded this motion and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

(Mayor Harrell has scheduled a work session at 11:30 a.m. and a special meeting following at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 13, 2007, for Resolution #789).

In the last order of business, Mayor Harrell announced that Donnie Worley has been appointed to the Winchester Planning Commission by mayoral appointment to fill a vacancy due to the untimely passing of Jackie Rose, long time member and chairman of the Planning Commission. Mr. Worley will finish out Mr. Rose's term of office and will then be subject to reappointment.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell reminded everyone that Military Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, at 5:00 p.m. on July 21, 2007. He commended and thanked the City Administrator, Department Heads, employees and all involved for staying within their budgets. He also commended the Bell family and all who participated for the wonderful July 4th fireworks show.

Next under Council and Department communications, Wayne Nuckolls recognized and thanked Dan Sidley for furnishing his employees to install the new doors at the Citizens Pavilion and how nice they looked. Chief Young reminded everyone that Sgt. Chris Layne will be leaving for Iraq shortly.

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: July 10, 2007