

MINUTES
August 14, 2007

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, beginning at 7:00 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 Franklin
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

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

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the July 12th regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the reading of the minutes of the July 13th special called council meeting was dispensed and approved as written on a motion by Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the second 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 Snead, 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, the Council approved the second 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 Womack, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, City Administrator Rhoton gave a presentation concerning Hundred Oaks Street and informed the Council that the City needed 50 feet of right-of-way in order to be able to bring this road up to City standards. Mrs. Rhoton stated that the property owners along this strip of land, Vernon Miller, Deborah Rains, representing the Franklin County Adult Activity Center, who were in the audience, and Mr. P. K. Bramlett and Kurt Johnson, who were not present, had given their permission for the City to have their portion of the right of way that is needed. She stated that an additional sixteen (16) feet of land belonging to CSX Railroad (and possibly abandoned) is needed and asked approval to proceed with obtaining the right-of-ways from all property owners. Councilman Snead made a motion to proceed with obtaining the needed right-of-ways, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

First under new business, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin presented the following bids for asphalt resurfacing:

Tinsley Asphalt LLC	\$46.00 ton
Rogers Group, Inc.	\$47.75 ton

After reviewing the bids, the Council approved the low bid by Tinsley Asphalt LLC on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Mayor Harrell recommended that the bid to purchase a patrol car for the Police Department be tabled until a later time. Councilman Glasner moved to table this motion, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented the following bids, which were opened August 13th at 10:00 a.m., for grading soccer fields at the Gamble Sports Complex:

<u>Contractor:</u>	<u>Field 1</u>	<u>Field 2</u>	<u>Field 3</u>	<u>Field 4</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>all 4 fields</u>
Prince & Sons	\$68,915	\$42,662	\$42,663	\$42,662	\$196,901	
J. W. Gamble & Son	60,201	54,701	65,701	57,231	237,834	
Blair & Blair	40,000	36,500	36,500	36,500	149,500	
Hansert Excavation	31,400	31,300	50,840	54,860	168,400	

The Council chose to grade only Field 1 and Field 2 at this time with the possibility of seeking another grant later to grade fields 3 and 4. Councilman Scharber made the motion to approve the low bid by Hansert Excavation to grade Field #1 at \$31,400.00 and Field #2 at \$31,300.00 for a total amount of \$62,700.00, and to use the money left over from the grant (approximately \$17,000.00) to install the irrigation sprinkler system which is not included in the bids. Councilman Glasner seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson presented the following bids for FIT Testing Equipment for the Fire Department and explained that TSI

Inc. was the only source available whose equipment met all the state standards:

TSI Inc.	\$7,930.00 (1 Tester)
Dawson Assoc., Inc.	630.00 (for 2 face masks)

Motion to approve the purchases was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson presented the only bid by Pro-Fire Equipment LLC, which services Pierce fire equipment, for the repair of the ladder truck and for some miscellaneous shop supplies in the amount of \$14,345.14. It was discussed that this repair was in addition to a \$4,000.00 repair that came out of last year's budget and placed on a June purchase order and that the \$14,345.14 will have to be a budget amendment and taken from the current budget. Motion to approve this expenditure was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the vote passed four ayes to one nay cast by Councilman Scharber.

Next, Special Projects Coordinator Yvonne Stewart presented a Community Enhancement Grant proposal to the Council. Motion for approval to apply for the 100% grant was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Special Projects Coordinator Yvonne Stewart presented a Tennessee Arts Commission ABC Grant proposal for entertainment for the Dogwood Festival. This is a 50/50 grant with the City's portion coming from sponsors. Motion for approval to apply for the grant was made by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Special Projects Coordinator Yvonne Stewart withdrew the request to apply for a Cultural Crossroads Grant for a sculpture of Dinah Shore due to the cost to the City.

In the last order of business, Mayor Harrell tabled appointments to the Mayor's standing committees until the next meeting.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell asked City Administrator Rhoton to gather some information and get packets ready to send out for bids on health insurance for city employees.

Under Council and Department communications, Councilmen Glasner stated there would be a meeting in early September with Comcast TV and that he wanted to discuss EGTV connections for Franklin County High School, the franchise agreement, and possibly changing the franchise fee. He also requested an ordinance be placed on the September agenda to allow non-resident property owners to vote in city elections. Mayor Harrell asked City Administrator Rhoton to assist Councilman Glasner with this issue. Councilman Glasner further

requested that the City put out bids for an air conditioning unit (not a HVAC unit) for the Citizens Pavilion.

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: August 14, 2007