

MINUTES
September 11, 2007

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, beginning with a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was Zoning Ordinance #883 and Rezoning Ordinance #884.

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 by Councilman Glasner and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Womack.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on 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; and for 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. No one spoke for or against the ordinances and the public hearing was adjourned.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the August 14th regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Franklin, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final 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 Scharber, 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 third and final 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 Glasner, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

First under new business, the Council approved a certificate of moral character and a certificate of compliance for Jeffrey Arnold, who is seeking to purchase the Ten-I-See Liquors store. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council of an addendum (attached) to the Loel Bennett Stadium lease agreement requested by Morris Rogers, Director of Athletics for the Franklin County Board of Education. Councilman Glasner made a motion not to approve this addendum, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Mayor Harrell announced that he had appointed Kenneth Tucker to the newly formed Franklin County Animal Control Board. (A motion was not needed as this was a mayoral appointment).

Next, Mayor Harrell announced his re-appointment of N. B. Capley to another term on the Winchester Utilities Board.

Next, the Council approved the re-appointment of Marie Mosley to the Winchester Beer Board on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, a presentation of LED traffic light signals was given by Barry Smith of the Aldis Company. City Administrator Rhoton stated during a discussion that a budget amendment would be needed for this expenditure. The Council approved a ten-year contract in the amount of \$19,960.00, with Aldis to replace eleven intersection signal lights with the new LED traffic signals on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented Resolution #790, requesting Senator Jerry Cooper and Representative George Fraley to introduce legislation in the Tennessee General Assembly amending the Charter of the City of Winchester to allow non-resident property owners the right to vote in City of Winchester elections. Motion for approval

was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion. Non-resident voters must abide by State laws (attached) regulating such voting.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented a bid from Local Government in the amount of \$11,785.07 for a new server for the business office. After City Administrator Rhoton explained that money for this expenditure was in the budget, Councilman Glasner moved for approval, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilman Glasner commented on peddlers/transient vendors coming into the city to sell their merchandise. City Administrator Rhoton read a checklist of regulations from our Charter to be met before a permit is to be issued. No motion was necessary.

Next, Councilman Franklin stated that applicants who were interviewed for the Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement Officer position were scored on a point system. Councilman Franklin further stated that Mr. Pat Sanders was graded the highest from the questions asked during the interviews and made a motion to hire Pat Sanders for this position. Councilman Glasner seconded this motion and the motion passed by a motion of four ayes and no ayes. Councilman Womack abstained from voting due to a possible conflict of interest by his being a contractor.

Next, the Council reviewed the following bids received for a patrol car for the Police Department:

Russell Barnett Chrysler	2007 Hemi	\$22,671.00
" " "	2008 V-6	\$22,869.66
Kennith Wessner Ford	2008	\$21,145.05

After reviewing the bids, the Council noted that the bid by Kennith Wessner for a Crown Victoria excluded Item 48. Police Chief Young stated that Item 48 was part of the State's contract bid package and was included in the bid by Russell Barnett Chrysler. After a discussion, Councilman Franklin made a motion to approve the low bid by Kennith Wessner Ford, with the stipulation that Item 48 must be included and factory installed. If they are unable to meet that specification, the bid will be awarded to Russell Barnett Chrysler for the 2008 patrol car at a cost of \$22,869.66. This motion was seconded by Councilman Scharber and all voted in favor of said motion. (Kennith Wessner Ford was contacted the following day and stated that Item 48 would be included and factory installed, at an additional cost of \$667.00, which will make their total bid \$21,812.05, which is still the lowest bid.)

In the last order of business, Mayor Harrell made the following appointments to the Mayor's standing committees:

<u>Community Development:</u>	Eric Vanzant, Bruce Spencer and Beverly Bell
<u>Downtown Merchants:</u>	Lori Hayworth
<u>Public Safety:</u>	John Hill and James Trimble
<u>Economic Development:</u>	Willie C. Hill, L. Z. Johnson and James Curty

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell welcomed Pat Sanders and thanked Diana Cox, Building Codes and Planning Department secretary, and stated that she has the city's commitment and support for her continuing training. Mayor Harrell also stated his appreciation for the support of citizens over his last twelve years in office and for his recent election for the next four years as Mayor of the City of Winchester.

Under Council and Department committee reports, updates and communications, Councilman Franklin asked that downtown parking be placed on the next agenda. Councilman Glasner stated ordinances regarding signs, sidewalks, etc., need to be reviewed and/or updated, and ordinances enforced. City Administrator Rhoton said that the Codes Department will need to send letters to those in violation, giving them a month to get in compliance. Winston Tipps reported on updates made by Winchester Utilities. Pat Sanders was welcomed by all the Council.

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: September 11, 2007