

MINUTES

May 9, 2006

The City Council of Winchester met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, beginning with a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. The purpose for the public hearing was Annexation Ordinance #858.

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

Present: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell (as Vice Mayor presiding)
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Absent: Mayor Richard Stewart

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

Vice Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #858, annexing property, at the request of the owner, located at the intersection of Arnold Farm Road and Cowan Highway 64. No one spoke for or against the ordinance and the public hearing was adjourned.

The regular Council meeting began immediately after the close of the public meeting.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council approved a request for a roadblock by Sammy Shedd for Franklin County "Kings" AAU Boys Basketball to be held on May 20th on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Franklin, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the request by Connie Vanzant for a roadblock on June 24th for the Franklin County Foster/Adoptive Parent Association on a motion by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all in favor.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the April 11, 2006, council meeting was dispensed and approved as written on a motion by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Franklin, and all voted in favor.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that C. C. Bean and I. T. Cleek had agreed to settle their lawsuit against the City for \$16,500.00. Motion to approve the settlement expenditure was made by Councilman Franklin, with a second by Councilman Scharber, and the motion passing by the following three to one roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Scharber

Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Snead

Next, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that a parcel of property located on North Jefferson Street, adjacent to the City's impound lot, sold at public auction on Saturday, May 5, 2006, for \$86,000.00. Motion to approve the contract of purchase was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton updated the Council that DiversaTech Plastics Group LLC decided to accept the option of the 50' easement from Creasman Drive, with an entrance on the right side facing the property. At the February meeting, Chuck Rivard requested the City to allow the owners of the landlocked property to have an access road and the company was given two options to choose from in order to gain the needed access. The company City Attorney O'Neal is taking care of the necessary paperwork regarding this issue.

First under new business, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #857, an ordinance pertaining to the keeping of vicious dogs. 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 Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #858, an ordinance annexing, at the request of the owner, 47 acres of property located at the intersection of Arnold Farm Road and Cowan Highway 64/41A. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Franklin, and all voted in favor by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Vice Mayor Harrell recognized Coyle Clark, accountant with Clark and Knies Accountants, who reviewed and discussed the first draft of the budget documents with the Council.

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #859, an ordinance amending Appropriations Ordinance #843 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of the first draft of Ordinance #860, an ordinance making appropriations for the administration operation and maintenance and capital expenditures of each department, agency and fund of the City of Winchester for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. During a lengthy discussion, the Council instructed Accountant Coyle Clark to make several changes to the second draft of the budget document and discussed holding another work session to study more cuts to the budget. Councilman Snead made a motion to accept the first draft of this ordinance with the changes discussed to be reflected in the second draft of this budget document. Councilman Franklin seconded the motion and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #861, an ordinance assessing and levying taxes within the corporate limits of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, at a rate of ninety-nine cents (\$0.99) per one hundred dollars. 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 Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that the Recreation Department was requesting to purchase a zero turn lawn mower and had advertised and received bids. If the Council were to approve, she recommended this purchase not to be made until the next fiscal year. After a discussion, Councilman Snead moved to table this request, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor.

In the last order of business, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that one bid had been received for the installation of two heat/air conditioning units for the Citizens Pavilion and the amount of \$13,586.00 was higher than anticipated. After a discussion, Councilman Snead moved to table this issue, seconded by Councilman Franklin, and all voted in favor.

Vice Mayor Harrell recognized Dan Sidley, who requested the

City to install a new chain link fence at the Gamble Sports Complex ball field. He was instructed to obtain bids, seek financial assistance from Franklin County, and get with the City Administrator on this issue before bringing it back to the Council at a later date.

Under Mayoral communications, Vice Mayor Harrell scheduled a budget work shop to be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 5: p.m.

No updates or reports were given under council, department heads and committee communications.

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

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www.winchester-tn.com

and

International Dogwood Festival website is:
www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Vice Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: May 9, 2006