

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

JUNE 20, 2006

The City Council of Winchester met in a special session called by Mayor Stewart on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, beginning with a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the special called meeting and public hearing was for the 3rd & final readings of: Ordinance #857, regarding keeping of vicious dogs; Ordinance #858, annexation requested by John Curtis for 47 acres of property at the intersection of Arnold Farm Road and Cowan Hwy. 64/41A; Ordinance #859, amending Appropriations Ord. #843 for fiscal year ending 6-30-06; Ordinance #860; making appropriations for the administration operation & maintenance & capital expenditures of each department, agency & fund of the City for fy 6-30-07; Ordinance #861, assessing & levying taxes at \$0.99 per one hundred dollars within the corporate limits for fy ending 6-30-06.

Present and participating were: Mayor Richard Stewart, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Judy Baker, secretary; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

A quorum being present, Mayor Stewart 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
Terry Harrell
William 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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, the 20th day of June, 2006.

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

Terry Harrell
Councilman

William Scharber
Councilman

Gene Snead
Councilman

William Womack
Councilman

Mayor Stewart opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinances #857, #859, #860, and #861 as described above. (Public hearing on Ord. #858 was held May 9, 2006). No one spoke for or against the ordinances and the public hearing was adjourned.

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

First under unfinished business, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #857, an ordinance pertaining to the keeping of vicious dogs. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Harrell, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

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

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Mayor Stewart recognized Coyle Clark, accountant with Clark and Knies Accountants, who discussed the third draft of the budget documents with the Council. He stated that a change had been made by moving the money for the City Hall roof improvements from the current year budget to the 2007 fiscal year budget, which is when the work would be done. Also, money was moved from the Park Fund from the 2007 budget to the 2006 budget as the Recreation Department needed to purchase a mower before June 30, 2006. (The request for a mower was on the May 9th agenda, with bids opened on May 1st, but the Council tabled the request. The bids for the mowers are as follows with Teddy's Lawnmower Sales and Service being the low bidder at \$5,848.00:

<u>Teddy's Lawnmower Sales & Service</u>	
Toro Z-500 60" deck	\$5,848.00
<u>Russell Mason Tractor</u>	
Kawasaki 60" deck	\$6,995.00
Kohler 60" deck	6,439.00
Kohler 61" deck	7,500.00
<u>Pioneer Motorcycles & ATV's</u>	
Kawasaki 60" deck	\$5,949.25
Kohler 60" deck	5,962.50

Next, the Council approved the third & final draft & 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 Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

While discussing the third draft of Budget Ordinance #860 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, Councilman Snead made a motion to cut the capital outlay for the Winchester Airport, not the operating budget, to zero. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Snead then made a motion to cut \$190,000 from the 2007 Fire Department's capital outlay budget by not purchasing and outfitting a new fire truck. (Other options of financing the fire truck were discussed). This motioned was seconded by Councilman Franklin and the motion passed by the following roll call vote of four ayes to one nay cast by Councilman Scharber:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Scharber

Next, with the discussed changes and/or adjustments, the Council approved the third and final draft & reading 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. Councilman Snead moved for approval, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed by the following roll call vote of four ayes to one nay cast by Councilman Scharber:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Scharber

City Administrator Rhoton noted for the minutes that the 2007 budget included a three percent raise for full time and permanent part time employees.

In the last order of business, the Council approved the third and final 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 Harrell, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Harrell
Councilman Scharber
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under communications, Councilman Franklin asked the Council to check the lists of the names of the Councilman and City employee assigned to the Mayor's fourteen standing committees and give any corrections to the Planning Department. The Council was also presented with a folder which included the committees' mission statements and asked to review them. He stated he would like the Planning Department to become more functional with these committees and would make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Next, Mayor Stewart recognized Jamie Lamb who requested the support of the Council to save a historical landmark, the Henderson-Clark-Moore house located at 309 First Avenue, and possibly turning it into a welcome/tourism center. She hopes to attain grants for the funding of purchasing and moving the house over one block but would like the city to maintain and manage the facility. No motion could be made as this item was not on the agenda, but Mayor Stewart appointed City Administrator Rhoton and Councilman Snead to look into this matter and stay in touch with Ms. Lamb.

Mayor Stewart then addressed the traffic light situation at the Georgia Crossing and Bypass Roads intersection. He recommended to have the light set to flash at all times except during school traffic and events at the high school and have Mrs. Rhoton take care of this.

Mayor Stewart then stated, as his final communication, that he was resigning as Mayor of the City of Winchester effective immediately and read a speech pertaining to his resignation and his pride, honor and privilege of serving seven years as Mayor.

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

Richard Stewart, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: June 20, 2006