

MINUTES

August 8, 2006

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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 Womack and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Glasner.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, Jeannie Bates requested permission to have a carnival in the City Park the third weekend in August as a fund raiser for the Kiwanis Club. She further asked the City to co-sponsor this event and help with parking and security. She also requested that the City again co-sponsor the 2007 High-On-The-Hog BBQ held in April at the park and provide the same assistance as last year (the City furnish one city employee to help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, security and traffic support from the Police Department, use of the total park facilities during the event, and to open the campground early for vendors to rent campsites). Motion to approve these requests was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor.

Don Limbaugh and Louise Ansley spoke regarding Fireworks Ordinance #722 and each read aloud changes they recommended be made to improve this ordinance (see attachments). Mrs. Ansley also requested a private meeting with the Mayor, City Administrator, Chief of Police, Fireman and Swat Team Officer at their convenience. Mayor Harrell stated the Council is planning to meet with MTAS to review the entire City Charter and would take these recommendations into consideration. He also told Mrs. Ansley that the meeting she requested would be scheduled.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the July 11th council meeting was dispensed and approved as written on a motion by Councilman Glasner, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor.

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance

#862, an ordinance annexing, at the request of the owners J-Win LLC (Ikard and Simpson), 102 acres located on Georgia Crossing Road at Halfmoon Road. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #863, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to allow the option of a zero side lot line in a M-1, medical-professional office district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, 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 #864, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to zone 47 acres of the John Curtis property located at the intersection of Arnold Farm Road and Cowan Hwy. 64/41A as C-2, commercial highway service district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Franklin, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, Mayor Harrell asked for a report from Councilmen Snead and Glasner concerning the two year residency requirement in the Charter regarding owners of liquor stores. (A liquor store is currently for sale and former Winchester resident Jason Krupek came before the Council at the July meeting asking that this requirement be changed so he could look into the purchase of this business). Councilman Snead stated that any changes to the City Charter require approval and action by the State Legislature who will meet in January. As the entire City Charter needs to be reviewed, changes made, and obsolete sections removed, City Administrator Rhoton is setting up a retreat for the Council to meet with MTAS. The Council will then do an overall review of the Charter and will make one complete list of changes, with the endorsement of MTAS, and send these to the Legislature before the end of the year. As a business is involved and the possible sale of that business,

Councilman Glasner moved to strike the residency requirement in paragraph 3 of Section 8-104 of the City Charter and pass this to our legal department so the business could proceed with the sale. Councilman Snead seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

First under new business, the Council approved the 2006 audit contract with Clark & Knies Accountants on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Council approved Resolution #773, a resolution to allow the City to round property taxes, interests and penalties to the nearest dollar on a motion by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #774, a resolution of the governing body of the City authorizing the issuance, sale, and payment of fire department capital outlay notes not to exceed \$190,000.00. This resolution and approval by the State is necessary in order for the City to purchase a fire truck. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #775, a resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management "Safety Partners" loss control matching grant program in the amount of \$2,000.00. The grant money will be used for fire department turn-out gear and was approved on a motion by Councilman Franklin, seconded by Councilman Scharber, and all voted in favor.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested an additional person be authorized to sign checks on the City of Winchester as two signatures are required. Currently Mayor Harrell, City Administrator Rhoton, and Office Director Faye Morrow are authorized to sign checks. She stated that on occasion it is sometimes difficult to reach two of the three for their signature. Mrs. Rhoton recommended adding Judy Baker to the signature card so that any two of these four people are authorized to sign checks. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Mayor Harrell recommended his mayoral appointment of Gene Sanders to the Winchester Utility Board. Councilman Scharber made a courtesy motion for approval, with a second by Councilman Snead and the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Mayor Harrell recognized Mr. Sanders and asked him to come to the podium and tell a little about himself.

In the last order of regular business, Councilman Scharber

recommended the reappointments of Scottie Peters and Joe Patterson to the Winchester Beer Board, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

City Administrator Rhoton, in the absence of Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Director Judy Taylor, presented a proposal from the County's Retail Development Committee for sponsoring a marketing plan to bring new businesses to the community by contracting with "Buxton Identifying Customers", a company which identifies and recruits retailers for their clients (see attachment). The Chamber is seeking funds from cities, businesses, and individuals to cover the cost of the program which is \$18,500.00. After a discussion, Councilman Snead moved to support the Buxton marketing project and match the Chamber's initial contribution of \$1,000.00, seconded by Councilman Glasner, and the motion passed four ayes to one nay cast by Councilman Scharber by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Franklin
Councilman Glasner
Councilman Snead
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Scharber

Councilman Glasner recommended having put in writing that the City wants representation present when the Chamber and/or Retail Committee receives and opens information pertaining to the contract with Buxton.

Under reports, updates and/or community happenings, Special Projects Coordinator Yvonne Stewart stated the Historic Committee, which do not take minutes but are very active, have completed research and are compiling and writing history on the downtown business district and hope to document it in print form in the future. This committee will now also be presenting historic preservation awards to homes and businesses.

Police Chief Dennis Young stated that Officer Chris Layne prepared a package for the Tennessee Law Enforcement Challenge contest and received first place in the State for "Stop Network", a safety seat campaign which we partnered with Erlanger Hospital. Chief Young then presented the Mayor with the second place award received by the Winchester Police Department for departments with 11-25 officers.

Chief Young then requested permission for him and City Administrator Rhoton to attend a GSA sale in Chattanooga in September to purchase a used vehicle, possibly a truck or a SUV. He stated he had drug fund money in his budget for this vehicle and that the vehicle he now has will be given to Mrs. Rhoton. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Scharber, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all in favor.

With no further 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 8, 2006