

(FCHS media did not tape this meeting as school was out due to bad weather)

# MINUTES

February 9, 2016

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Judy Baker, City Recorder; various Department Heads, audience members; news media; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilman Snead  
Councilwoman Alexander  
Councilwoman Bates  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Dennis Young.

Under addresses, presentations and/or requests, the Council heard the quarterly financial report from Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Alexander, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented a proposed calendar of 2016 events scheduled by the Winchester Downtown Program Corporation. The WDPC is requesting preliminary approval for these events with the understanding that anything alcohol related will have to come back before the Council for approval as they have two events that will require beer permits. Councilwoman Alexander made a motion to approve the calendar of events with the stipulation that the WDPC has to come back before the Council for their approval for each event that require beer permits after first getting approval from the Winchester Beer Board. This motion was seconded by Councilman Spencer and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the only order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the January 12, 2016, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next under new business, Chief Dennis Young recommended

approval of the annual certificate of compliance for B & B Liquor. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Bates, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next, Councilman Bates explained that the Winchester Beer Board met on January 13, 2016 and one of the items on the agenda was the request by the Winchester Downtown Program Corporation to have alcohol at two special events this year instead of the one event they have been holding. Currently one of the requirements for a special beer permit request is a limit of one event per calendar year per non-profit organizations. Councilwoman Bates stated that after much discussion, the Beer Board is recommending changing the number of special beer permit events be changed from one event per year to two events per year per non-profit organizations. Motion to approve the Beer Board's request to allow two (2) special event permits per year was made by Councilwoman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed by a vote of four (4) ayes to one (1) nay cast by Councilman Womack.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented a two page document by Tennessee Department of Transportation for two change orders, one for \$4,450 and the other for \$4,900, for a total amount of \$9,350 for the current sidewalk project (Pin #114983.00) on the north side of First Avenue. She explained that the construction company ran into some voids when they removed the concrete and the rock is to fill in those voids. Mrs. Rhoton requested approval for payment of the change orders as this was not an anticipated expense. The cost will be covered under the contingency amounts built into the grant. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton stated that the Finance Committee has been meeting for close to two years investigating our options for retirement. The Finance Committee is recommending and requesting approval to hire Ice Miller Attorney at no more than \$25,000.00. Mrs. Rhoton added that this is the same attorney that the State of Tennessee used for their insurance and retirement. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Bates, and all voted in favor of the motion.

Last under new business, the Council passed the first reading of Ordinance #980, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to rezone to a parcel of property in the 900 block of South College Street further identified as Property map #75D, Group D, Parcel 001.12 and belonging to Michael T. Rudder to C-2 highway service district from the current multiple zoning category R-2 medium-density residential district and C-2 classifications. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Snead, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Alexander  
Councilwoman Bates  
Councilman Snead  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under City Administrator, Council, and Departmental reports, communications, and updates: Councilman Snead and the other council members congratulated Police Chief Dennis Young and the Police Department for their work in solving burglaries at local convenience markets. The Council stated that the City's annual "Day on the Hill" event in Nashville with the State Legislature was enjoyed by many. Councilwoman Alexander reported that the Airport's monthly Fly-In Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. and urged everyone to attend. Cost of breakfast is \$7.00 per person. Councilwoman Bates stated that the Winchester Beer Board has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at 6: 00 p.m. in the Annex.

Under mayor communications, Mayor Harrell also congratulated the Police Department on their good work in solving the burglaries. He also thanked those who participated in the "Day on the Hill" event and stated that the event pays dividends as evidenced by the grants we are able to receive for the betterment of the City of Winchester.

With no further business or communications to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilwoman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Bates, and all voted in favor.

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[www.winchester-tn.com](http://www.winchester-tn.com)

International Dogwood Festival website is:

[www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com](http://www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com)

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Terry Harrell, Mayor  
City of Winchester

Attest:

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Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken and typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: February 9, 2016