

MINUTES

May 12, 2015

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was the third & final reading of Ordinance #975, an ordinance establishing uniform purchasing and property disposal policies for the City of Winchester.

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

Present: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Snead
Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Fire Chief Gary Greeson and the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Hart.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #975, an ordinance establishing uniform purchasing and property disposal policies for the City of Winchester. 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 hearing.

Under addresses, presentations and/or requests, Kiwanis Club representative Jeannie Bates requested the city to again co-sponsor and support their annual 2016 High-On-The-Hog BBQ event in the City Park as we've done for many years. Their request includes the use of city park buildings and parking areas from April 8 through April 18, 2016, support of Winchester city services, and to provide assistance of city recreation department workers to help in the Festival in same capacity as in previous years. Their letter of request is attached to the minutes. (Note: the City has provided the Kiwanis each year with the assistance of one (1) city worker only during the main three-day weekend of the festival). Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council heard the quarterly financial report presented by Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell for period ending March 2015. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor.

Under Agenda Item A in unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the April 14, 2015, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman

Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under Item B, the Council approved the third and final reading of Purchasing Policy Ordinance #975 an ordinance establishing uniform purchasing and property disposal policies for the City of Winchester. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under Item C, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #976, amending Appropriations Ord. #967 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Motion for approval was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under Item D, the Council approved the second reading of Appropriations Ordinance #977, making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under Item E in the last order of unfinished business, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #978, an ordinance assessing and levying taxes within the corporate limits of the City of Winchester for the property tax year 2015. Motion for approval was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under Item A of new business, City Administrator Rhoton presented a beverage renewal proposal by Coca Cola Bottling Works of Tullahoma, Inc. This proposal is for a ten (10) year agreement for Coca-Cola to be the exclusive supplier of all non-alcoholic beverages at venues, events, ball fields, parks, and recreation facilities with the

effective dates beginning April 15, 2015, and ending April 14, 2025. Applicable properties/events include all ball fields (baseball/softball events), car shows, fishing tournaments, music events and all festivals to include Dogwood Festival and High on the Hog, etc. Coca-Cola is to be included in all publications or programs sponsored by the City of Winchester. Mrs. Rhoton stated that Coca-Cola will provide cold equipment in the all concession area, provide menu boards as needed, and all equipment will be serviced and maintained by Coca-Cola. Coca-Cola is going to provide two new LED softball scoreboards with wireless systems and will provide two additional wireless control panels for current scoreboards. Motion to approve the ten year agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Works was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under Item B, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #979, an ordinance to further define the terms "structure", "building setback line" and to amend Zoning Ordinance #506 accordingly. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Womack, and passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under Item C, Mayor Harrell reappointed Carrie McClain and Duff Zimmerman to Winchester Airport Authority Board and asked for support from the Council for the reappointments. Councilman Hart made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and passed unanimously.

Under Item D, Councilman Hart made a motion to reappoint Mark Gass to the Winchester Beer Board. Councilwoman McDowell seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Under Item E, Mayor Harrell reappointed Richard Bagby and Donnie Worley to the Winchester Planning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals. As board members are appointed by the mayor, Mayor Harrell then requested confirmation by the Council of his appointment. Councilman Spencer moved to confirm this appointment, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under Item F, Finance Officer Martha Carol Luttrell gave an annual update concerning the General Fund Balance Policy that was originally implemented at the January 8, 2013 City Council meeting. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under Item G, Finance Office Luttrell gave an update on the "CT5023 Report on Debt Obligation", on the finance of the property on South College Street for the Fire Hall. Motion for approval of this report was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under City Administrator reports, communications, and updates, Mrs. Rhoton thanked everyone who worked on the City of Winchester's 11th annual International Dogwood Festival, headlined by the 38 Special Band held May 1-3, 2015. Mrs. Rhoton also stated that a budget work session needed to be scheduled.

Under Council and Departmental reports, communications, and updates, all Councilmembers thanked Mrs. Rhoton and the employees, Dogwood Steering Committee members, and all the volunteers who worked on the Dogwood Festival.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell thanked Mrs. Rhoton, the Utility Department, city employees, volunteers and the Dogwood Steering Committee who worked to make the Dogwood Festival a success. Mayor Harrell also thanked the many sponsors of this event and said that the City could not put on this festival that is free to the public without these wonderful sponsors. He further stated that current Dogwood Steering Committee Chairman Vicki Acklen has been elected as Chairman for the 2016 Dogwood Festival. Mayor Harrell scheduled a work session for the City Council to discuss the budget on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex building.

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

City of Winchester's website is:

www.winchester-tn.com

and the

International Dogwood Festival website is:

www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken and typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2015

