

MINUTES

June 9, 2015

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was the third & final reading of Budget Ordinances #976, #977 and #978 as described below.

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

Present: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Snead and the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Womack.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #976, an ordinance amending Appropriations Ord. #967 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; Ordinance #977, making appropriations for the administration operation and maintenance and capital expenditures of each department, agency and fund of the City of Winchester for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; and Ordinance #978, assessing & levying taxes at \$0.8233 for property tax year 2015. No one spoke for or against any of the ordinances 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, Matt Reep, representative for Pyro Shows, Inc. and Ashley Gore, representative for the JSP picnic, stated that JSP Company and the Christopher Company wanted to hold a company picnic at the City Park on June 28th and requested permission to host a short (10 minutes) fireworks display at the end of the picnic. They presented proof of liability along with a picture where the fireworks will take place and the size of the shells that will be used. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council heard a request by Abby Pickett, Executive Director of the Winchester Downtown Program Corporation for a one-time special beer permit for their 2nd annual Winchester "Farm to Table Dinner" event being held on August 1, 2015, in the parking lot behind Fernando Santisteban's building from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Councilman Hart made a motion to approve, contingent on approval from the Winchester Beer Board at their June 22nd Beer Board meeting. Councilman McDowell seconded this

motion and all voted in favor.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the May 12, 2015, 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, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #976, an ordinance amending Appropriations Ord. #967, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #977, 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, 2016. Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve the budget to include general government, Airport and Winchester Utilities, and to also include the recommended merit and bonus increases for employees. Councilman Hart seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the last order of unfinished business, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #978, an ordinance assessing and levying taxes within the corporate limits of the City of Winchester at \$0.8233 (the same tax rate as tax years 2012, 2013 and 2014) for the property tax year 2015. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, the Council approved Resolution #857, a resolution appropriating funds to non-profit charitable and non-profit civic organizations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Motion for approval was made by Councilwoman McDowell,

seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell presented a Pension Funding Policy to the Council and explained that the State of Tennessee is now requiring a formed policy to be adopted by governments. Motion to approve the Pension Funding Policy was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under new business, Finance Officer Luttrell presented the Council with a letter of engagement by Clark, Knies & Crenshaw for the financial audit contract for the City of Winchester for fiscal year ending 2015. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under City Administrator reports, communications, and updates, Mrs. Rhoton informed the Council that the Franklin County Garden Club did the landscaping at Fire Hall #2 and they have received many awards for that landscaping. The Franklin County Garden Club is hosting a reception at 1:00 at the Fire Department on Friday, June 12th and has asked for your presence and they will be showcasing all the many awards that they've won.

Mrs. Rhoton also stated that handicapped playground equipment has been installed at Adventure Mountain in the City Park. This playground equipment was donated from the "Go Mallory Go" fundraiser and Adam, Kim and Mallory Casey will be present at the new playground equipment and photos will be made at the park on Friday, June 12th at 12:45 p.m.

Under Council and Departmental reports, communications, and updates, Councilwoman McDowell thanked the Franklin County Garden Club for their beautification contributions; and Councilman Womack reminded everyone to spend their tax dollars locally to help keep property taxes down.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that this year's Jonathan Acklen Fishing Rodeo held last weekend at the City Park had their largest participation in the twenty-five years of the tournament with all 7,000 tickets sold. He further stated that was the last year for the Jonathon Ackley Fishing Rodeo and Mayor Harrell thanked the Acklen family and Burt Brown for all their years putting on this fishing rodeo.

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 by: Beth Rhoton

Minutes typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: June 9, 2015