

MINUTES

August 11, 2015

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was the third & final reading of Ordinance #979, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to further define terminology including the terms "structure" and "building setback lines" as well as establishing specified exemption from building setback lines for specified items construed to meet the definition of structure.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Judy Baker, City Recorder; various Department Heads; audience members: Cile Alexander, Jeannie Bates, news media & others; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Snead
Beth Rhoton, City Administrator (vacation)
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 led by Councilman Wayne Hart.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #979, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to further define terminology including the terms "structure" and "building setback lines" as well as establishing specified exemption from building setback lines for specified items construed to meet the definition of structure. 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, Finance Director Martha Luttrell informed the Council that she was still working on the quarterly financial report. As this report is for the fiscal year ending June 30th, she is still getting adjustments in and will have the reports ready for the Council soon.

Next, the Franklin County Fair Board is requesting approval for a 10 minute fireworks display of Friday, August 28th between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Their letter of request stated that they received a contribution in the form of a donation of Class "C" fireworks for this event. The fireworks will be shot at the Franklin County Sanitation Department on Joyce Lane. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the July 14, 2015, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of unfinished business, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #979, an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance #506 to further define terminology including the terms "structure" and "building setback lines" as well as establishing specified exemption from building setback lines for specified items construed to meet the definition of structure. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, Police Chief Dennis Young presented the only bid received for two (2) new 2014 police pursuit 4-door sedan vehicles for the Police Department:

Russell Barnett Chrysler Dodge Jeep:
\$22,900.00 each for two 2014 Dodge Charger = \$45,800.00

Chief Young explained that money for this purchase was in his line item budget and that his department was saving several thousands of dollars by purchasing the new 2014 models, as opposed to going with 2015 or 2016 models. Chief Young stated that the bid met the specifications and recommended approval of the bid by Russell Barnett. Motion for approval was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Police Chief Dennis Young presented the following bids on a used vehicle to be purchased from the Police Department's capital outlay drug fund.

Russell Barnett Chrysler Dodge:

2007 Nissan Maxima: \$9,500 - with trade-in: \$6,000
2011 Volkswagen Jetta: \$11,000 - with trade-in: \$7,500
2008 Ford Fusion: \$10,300 - with trade-in: \$6,800

Chief Young explained that Council approval was needed for this purchase as the bids were over our Purchasing Policy amount of \$5,000.00. Chief Young recommended purchasing the 2007 Nissan Maxima that was priced at \$9,500.00, and also requested permission to surplus a 2004 Ford Expedition and to use that vehicle as a trade-in for the 2007 Nissan Maxima from Russell Barnett. The trade-in amount of \$3,500.00 on the Nissan brings the purchase price down to \$6,000.00. Motion for approval to surplus the 2004 Ford Expedition and use it as a trade-in for the

2007 Nissan Maxima at the purchase price of \$6,000.00 was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson presented bids received for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (air packs) for the Fire Department:

Mid-South Emergency Equipment	4 for \$23,268.00
EVS (Emergency Vehicle Specialists)	4 for \$26,797.95

Chief Greeson explained that this was a budgeted item to be purchased at two separate times so as not to have everything coming due at the same time. The bids are to buy four (4) air packs now at the prices quoted and then to purchase four more at the same price in December. Chief Greeson stated that both bids met the specifications and recommended the low bid submitted by Mid-South Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$23,268.00 for four (4) air packs. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilman Hart made a motion to reappoint Mayor Terry Harrell to the Winchester Utilities Board. Councilman Spencer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Finance Director Martha Luttrell presented an item for surplus for Recreation Manager Darrell Jolley. She stated that Mr. Jolley was requesting approval to surplus a 2006 Tiger Scag Mower for the Recreation Department. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under new business, Finance Director Martha Luttrell presented a telephone lease agreement (attached) from IST Services and Communications for a new telephone system that would service City Hall, the Annex, and the Fire Hall. She stated that our current phone system is very old and out of date and cannot get serviced anymore. She stated that there are two options to choose from: one is for an FMV roll over 60 months lease at \$131.61 per month, and the other option is a buy-out dollar lease. Mrs. Luttrell recommended the roll over five-year (60 mos.) operating lease that includes a five year warranty. At the end of the five years, the City will have the option to continue under a new lease. Motion for approval of the 60 months lease at a cost of \$131.61 per month was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell thanked Councilman Hart for his dedication to the City since his appointment after Councilman Scharber passed away and then after winning his election. He thanked him for doing such a great job as a council representative on

the Airport Board, the Beer Board, the Winchester Planning and Zoning Board, and the Dogwood Committee. Mayor Harrell remarked that Councilman Hart had been very instrumental in implementing new training programs and various other improvements while serving on the Beer Board. Mayor Harrell said that Councilman Hart had done a great job during his tenure and how much he appreciated everything that Councilman Hart had accomplished. He went on to say that Councilman Hart would be missed, wished him all the best, and told him that he may be called upon to help out with the city in the future if he was so willing.

Mayor Harrell then thanked Councilwoman Suzanne McDowell and said that she was our "go to lady" and how much we appreciate her stepping in and helping on the City Council each time that she's been asked to do so. Mayor Harrell told her she made a great contribution to the City and to the Council and that she had done so through the many years that he had served with her on the Council and, most recently, in the past two occasions where she stepped in and that she never missed a beat, never missed a meeting, not even for those early 7:00 a.m. work sessions. Mayor Harrell went on to say that she was on topic all the time and the City would be a better place if there were more people like her and thanked her for who she does for the City. He stated that Mrs. McDowell had asked that we not do anything for her as she had been presented with a Key to the City after she last filled a vacant council seat, but she was presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Mayor Harrell asked Mrs. McDowell to come back and visit and not be a stranger.

Mayor Harrell told Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Alexander that this would be their last time to be seated in the audience as they will be spending the next four years as councilmembers. He stated that we would soon be getting them sworn in to office and that he was looking forward to working with them on the council.

Under Council, and Departmental reports, communications, and updates: Councilman Hart thanked the Mayor and Council for working with them. He stated that being on the Council is all about Winchester and its future for 10, 20, 30, 40 years down the road and said that's where we've headed since he's been on the Council. He went on to say that this is a great community with good people to work with, and that it had been his pleasure to serve on the City Council, the Airport Board, the Beer Board and Planning Commission. Councilman Hart stated that the Mayor is great and not to forget about City Administrator Rhoton because he said that she is the hub of the wheel, and that it has been a blessing working with everyone. He said this is not about the next election, it's about the future of the younger generations. He then

finished by saying he learned from a wise man (Councilman Womack) and that is for everyone to shop locally and keep our tax dollars at home.

Councilwoman McDowell stated that, at the last meeting, she told the people who were assembled how much she appreciated the things that the staff does and that Beth Rhoton is amazing and the City is more than lucky to have her. She went on to say that it takes courage for people who put their hat, or their bonnet, in the ring to run for election and that it also says that they are willing to work. Councilwoman McDowell then asked Cile Alexander and Jeannie Bates to come to the podium and she welcomed them to the City Council with a flower arrangement and a candle. She stated that she was delighted that we have two ladies to represent the Council and that it's important for the Council to only have one agenda. Mrs. McDowell stated that she has enjoyed her time on the Council and working with everyone and thanked the City for presenting her with the lovely flower arrangement. When Mayor Harrell asked if there were any further comments, Chief Young replied that it took two younger women to replace Ms. Suzanne. Mayor Harrell then asked Mrs. McDowell to repeat what she had said earlier today and she told them when they came in this evening that they should have a smile on their face as "you're getting two chicks for an old hen" which made everyone laugh.

Councilmen Spencer and Womack stated that it had been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Mr. Hart and Mrs. McDowell. They both congratulated the newly elected Councilwoman and look forward to serving with them. As always, Councilman Womack also reminded everyone to spend their tax dollars at home. Police Chief Young also expressed his thanks for the two outgoing council members. Everyone welcomed Cile Alexander and Jeannie Bates to the City Council and their 1st council meeting will take place in September.

Mayor Harrell ended the meeting by saying that Councilman Hart made some good comments about the City and working toward the future. The Mayor said that it's not about yesterday, it's not so much about today, but it's about tomorrow and the years to come. He went on to say that what we do today often times has an impact on the City in the future and hopefully what we do today will have a positive impact on the future.

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.

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www.winchester-tn.com

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International Dogwood Festival website is:

www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Judy Baker, City Recorder

Minutes taken and typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: August 11, 2015