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MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2016

The Winchester City Council met in a special called session on Thursday, February 18, 2016, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of the special called meeting was for second readings of Ord. #980 as described below; and for Finance Committee recommendations.

A quorum being present, Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order and the meeting proceeded with the transaction of business. The special called meeting form reads as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

To the Council Members of the City of Winchester, Tennessee,
to-wit:

Cile Alexander
Jeannie Bates
Gene Snead, Jr.
Bruce Spencer
William Womack

Notice is hereby given that a special called meeting of the City Council will be held at the hour of 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, the 18th day of February, 2016.

Judy Baker, _____
City Recorder

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of Winchester, Tennessee, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice waiving any and all irregularities in such notice, and consent and agree that said Council shall meet at the time and place named therein for the purpose therein named.

Cile Alexander, Councilman

Jeannie Bates, Councilman

Gene Snead, Jr., Councilman

Bruce Spencer, Councilman

William Womack, Councilman

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; various Department Heads; News Media; and the following Council members:

Present: Councilwoman Alexander
Councilwoman Bates
Councilman Snead
Councilman Spencer

Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

In the only order of unfinished business, the Council approved the second 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 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 Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton stated that in 2014 the City changed the personnel policy to read that any new employee hired after that date would not go on the existing retirement plan (Principal Group) but another form of retirement would be offered. She further explained that the City has elected to start a 457 plan for our employees to fulfil those needs and that we have been working with Voya and Principal on the new 457 plans. Both have the exact same plan, requirements, and time line. The recommendation came down to level of customer service. The committee met with Principal and Acuff & Associates (third party administrator) on Friday. The committee met again on Tuesday and compared the plans and they are recommending we use Principal and Acuff & Associates. We are asking approval of the council to proceed with paper work so that we can offer our employees an April 1st effective date. Motion for approval to take the Finance Committee's recommendation to use Principal as our service provider for the new retirement products and Acuff & Associates as our third party administrator was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Alexander, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business and under Finance Committee recommendations, City Administrator Rhoton reminded the council that she had requested approval to spend up to \$25,000 with Ice Miller Law Firm to study the City's options at the February 9th council meeting. Since our last meeting we have found a more local firm, Baker Donaldson (Chattanooga) that also works with Ice Miller. Mrs. Rhoton stated that she felt that having someone reachable and more at our disposal will benefit the City. City Administrator Rhoton requested an

amendment of the motion to give herself and the Finance Committee the ability to use up to that amount for legal services and actuarial services to provide accurate numbers so that an educated decision can be made. Motion to allow City Administrator Rhoton and the Finance Committee the ability to obtain actuarial reports and legal assistance, not to exceed \$25,000, concerning our existing retirement plan was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion. (This request will clarify the motion made at the February 2016 Council meeting).

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

City of Winchester's website is:
www.winchester-tn.com

International Dogwood Festival website is:
www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken and typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Special Called Meeting: February 18, 2016