

MINUTES

January 14, 2014

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is for the third and final reading of Ordinance #965, absentee voting for voters registered as non-resident property owners

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

Present: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Snead
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order, Councilman Spencer offered the prayer, and Police Airport Manager Zackary Colescott led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #965, absentee voting for voters registered as non-resident property owners. 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 requests, addresses or presentations, Paul Hutchens, Secretary of the Tims Ford Bass Club, informed the Council that the Bass Club was hosting a Bass Classic Tournament at the City Park on April 5th from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bass Club wanted to make sure there wouldn't be a conflict with the usage of the Pavilion on that date. Mr. Hutchens requested the assistance of the Police Department with traffic, as has been done in past years. He also requested to have the tournament information posted on the city park's lighted recreational sign. City Administrator Rhoton explained that the Bass Club would have to list the City of Winchester as a sponsor in order to post the event on our sign and Mr. Hutchens said they would be glad to list us as a sponsor. Councilman Bell stated that they could have the use of one (1) officer to help with the traffic on the day of the tournament. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Bell, and all voted in favor.

Next, the Council heard quarterly reports presented by Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell and Airport Manager Zackary Colescott, who gave updates about their departments. Mayor Harrell

stated that Mr. Colescott had been the guest speaker at a recent Rotary Club meeting and complimented him on his presentation.

In the first order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the December 10, 2013, 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.

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #965, to establish absentee by mail ballot voting procedures for non-resident property owners in municipal elections. 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
Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, the Council approved Resolution #846, requesting action from the State of Tennessee on regulating the sale of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine related products. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell requested permission to buyout the Konica Minolta lease on the copier/printer that had gone down several months ago. She stated that the city finally received a corrected buyout of the lease in the amount of \$7,018.17, and we have received the insurance money. Mrs. Luttrell requested permission to forward the insurance money to our lease company at this time. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Bell, and the motion passed unanimously.

Last under new business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton informed the Council of the Tennessee Department of Transportation's offer to purchase 1.962 acres of city owned property off Wilton Circle in the amount of \$34,885.00. The city uses this property as our mulch and fire pit and TDOT needs this land for their Connector Road/Hwy. 50 project. This purchase would leave the city with 0.678 acres remaining to the left of the centerline and 1.056 acres remaining to the right of the centerline after the acquisition, for a total remainder of 1.734 acres to the city. (Map attached to minutes). TDOT told Mrs. Rhoton that they will give us a field access to the property but will not pave the access road. TDOT will also remove the mulch, at their expense, that is on the property, which would cost the city approximately \$30,000.00 if we had to pay someone to remove the mulch. TDOT has presented the city with the following three (3) options: (1) the city could make a counter offer, (2) the city could choose to donate the land to TDOT, (3) or the city can accept TDOT's offer. City Administrator

Rhoton recommended accepting TDOT's offer of \$34,995.00. She also reminded the Council that our tub grinder would need to be repaired as the city would no longer be able to burn any acquired mulch that the city accumulates by picking up leaves and tree limbs. Mrs. Rhoton recommended that the City accept the fair market value of \$34,885.00 for the acquisition of this property from TDOT. Mayor Harrell stated that he would like to see this purchase money set aside in anticipation of having to locate another property to use for our leaves and brush that we have to chip. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under City Administrator Council, and Department Head communications, updates and reports, there were none.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the city's annual "Day On The Hill" to feed members of the State Legislature in Nashville has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2014. As this is also the date of the City Council's regular work session, he rescheduled the work session for Monday, February 3, 2014, beginning at 7:30 in the Annex.

Mayor Harrell also scheduled a work session for the City Council on Monday, January 20, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Annex for the purpose of discussing RFP's for the Dry Creek Marina Project.

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

City of Winchester's website is:

www.winchester-tn.com

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International Dogwood Festival website is:

www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken & typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2014

