

## MINUTES

February 11, 2014

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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, Mr. Bill Cowan offered the prayer, and Councilman Womack led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under addresses, presentations and/or requests, the Council heard the quarterly financial report presented by Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell for period ending December, 2013. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor.

In the only order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the January 14, 2014, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the first order of new business, the Council approved Resolution #847, an initial resolution authorizing the City of Winchester, Tennessee to incur indebtedness in a principal amount of not to exceed \$1,000.000 through the issuance of Winchester Utilities water and sewer revenue bond. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #848, a resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and payment of up to \$3,600,000 in principal amount of a water and sewer revenue bond of the City of Winchester, Tennessee; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bond; establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; providing for the collection and disposition of revenues from the water and sewer system of said municipality; and making provision for the operation of said system. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton stated that the Winchester Airport was requesting the Fire Department's old Ford Bronco that has

been replaces by a new vehicle and was approved as surplus at the September 2013 council meeting. The Airport is required to have a vehicle equipped with high visibility lights for safety reasons to drive on the taxiway and the Ford Bronco already has that necessary equipment on it. Airport Manager Zackary Colescott stated that the only place this vehicle will be driven is inside the Airport's fenced area for conducting on-field maintenance and inspections and will not be driven off the property. City Administrator Rhoton recommended approval of this vehicle to be transferred from the Fire Department and given to the Winchester Airport. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Hart, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton presented the Council with the only bid received to operate the concessions stand at the softball and Babe Ruth fields was by Vickey Fleming of Winchester Concessions. The amount of donation to the ball organizations are as follows:

Girls Softball League	\$ 575.00
Church Softball	\$ 575.00
Co-Ed Softball League	\$ 575.00
Babe Ruth	<u>\$ 600.00</u>

Grand Total to donate: \$2,325.00

Motion to approve the bid submitted by Vickey Fleming of Winchester Concessions was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart and all voted in favor of said motion. Councilman Bell stated that he had some people inquire as to why the Herald Chronicle Tournament gets to keep their concession profits but the Molly-Abby Tournament, which is sponsored by the Franklin County Girls Softball team, does not and stated that did not seem fair. City Administrator Rhoton replied that she had been told that the Herald Chronicle had been given permission to keep those proceeds when they first started hosting their tournament and that theirs is the only tournament allowed to do so. She stated she would have this issue looked into.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson requested approval to pay an invoice in the amount of \$9,451.10 to Winchester Utilities for material and labor for replacing four (4) fire hydrants. Permission is needed by Council as this invoice is over our \$5,000.00 purchase limit. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously.

Last under new business, the Council approved the certificate of compliance for B & B Liquors as recommended by Police Chief Dennis Young. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under City Administrator communications, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Mayor and Council that ads will be coming out soon in national, regional and local publications for requests for proposals

for the proposed new Dry Creek Marina project. She stated her appreciation to the Board for their efforts in getting the project ready to advertise.

Under Council communications, updates and reports, Councilman Snead stated that the Design Review Committee had met and will bring up two proposed amendments to the sign ordinance for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the March meeting. Councilman Snead and Tom Ore, Community Development Coordinator, explained that the proposed amendments will be to (1) increase number of signs per building due to multiple occupancies in some buildings and (2) increase size of signs, and these will be for the downtown district only. Councilman Snead also reminded everyone that the International Dogwood Festival will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May. Councilman Hart thanked Beth and the Mayor for the recently held "Day on the Hill" and Councilman Womack thanked Roger and all department heads that helped with coordinating the event. He reminded everyone that it's property tax time and that Winchester had the lowest taxes in the county and to spend our tax dollars at home.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell thanked Tom Orr for his work with the Design Review Committee. The Mayor also thanked City Administrator Rhoton, department heads & employees, Roger Caldwell and all volunteers who helped coordinate the city's annual "Day on the Hill" event to feed members of the State Legislature in Nashville.

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

City of Winchester's website is:

[www.winchester-tn.com](http://www.winchester-tn.com)

and the

International Dogwood Festival website is:

[www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com](http://www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com)

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Terry Harrell, Mayor  
City of Winchester

Attest:

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Judy Baker, City Recorder

Minutes taken & typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2014

