

## MINUTES

April 8, 2014

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 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 Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Absent: Councilman Snead (work related)

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order, Roger Caldwell offered the prayer, and Will Holder led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harrell recognized and welcomed audience members Will Holder and Gunnar Kelley from Boy Scout Troop #184 and Jarod Isbell from Boy Scout Troop #185.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, City Administrator Beth Rhoton stated that this will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Dogwood Festival. She reported that Matt Reep and his father, David, who are employed with Pyro Shows, attended the last Dogwood meeting and requested permission to host a short fireworks display. Matt explained to the Council that, if approved, they would provide the fireworks for this event which would be held at the end of the Charlie Daniels Band concert and shot from behind the stage. Fireworks known as "close proximity" will be used as they only go up about 100 feet and aren't nearly as loud as the July 4th fireworks display. They are also planning to ask a rental company about obtaining scissor lifts to get the fireworks higher, but didn't want to ask for a discount on the lifts until the fireworks were approved. Vicki Acklen with the Dogwood Steering Committee reported that there is some money in the budget to help with this cost if needed. Mr. Reep further stated they would obtain the required State Fire Marshall's permit, and will also provide the necessary liability insurance. After a discussion regarding requirements and safety concerns, Councilman Hart made a motion to approve the fireworks event, providing that all permits, requirements and safety issues are met. Councilman Womack seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council heard quarterly reports presented by Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell and Airport Manager Zackary Colescott, who gave updates about their departments. Mr. Caldwell stated that a Customer Appreciation Day is being planned for June 6th to

celebrate Winchester Utilities 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Colescott reported that Winchester Airport Authority, Inc. has been awarded the "Governing Body of the Year" award. This award is presented by the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission and Winchester was chosen over seventy other airports in Tennessee. Mayor Harrell complimented Mr. Colescott and the Airport Board on this award and complimented both managers and their departments on their many accomplishments.

In the only order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the March 11, 2014, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Bell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the only order of new business, Park Manager Darrell Jolley requested permission to surplus a 2008 Zero Turn Mower, Model #74292 for the Recreation Department. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Bell, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Harrell said he had received many compliments concerning all the improvements at the City Park and thanked Mr. Jolley and the recreation employees for their hard work.

Under Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and Department Head communications, updates and reports: City Administrator Beth Rhoton said the Dogwood Festival will be held May 2-4, 2014. Mrs. Rhoton requested to have a budget work session. Mayor Harrell scheduled the budget work session for Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Annex. He urged everyone to attend and support the upcoming High-on-the-Hog and the Winchester Dogwood Festival events.

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](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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Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken & typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: April 8, 2014