

(FCHS media class did not video tape this meeting)

MINUTES

April 12, 2016

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, beginning with a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. The public hearing was for the third and final reading of Ordinances #981, Ord. #982, & #983 as described below. (Property owners had withdrawn their rezoning request for Ordinance #984).

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

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

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Gene Snead and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Gary Greeson.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #981, amending Ord. #965, to establish absentee by mail ballot voting procedures for non-resident property owners in municipal elections; Ordinance #982, providing that the Code of Ordinances be amended by revision to Title 12, upgrading and adopting the 2012 International standards for building, utility, codes, pools, etc.; Ordinance #983, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to rezone property known as 1260 Lynchburg Road belonging to Twin Creeks Properties LLC to R-3A, high density residential alternative district from the current zoning of R-1 residential district.]No one spoke for or against any of these ordinances 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, the Council heard quarterly reports from Airport Manager Zackary Colescott and from Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell. Their reports, along with quarterly reports from all Department Heads, are included in the city

council minutes file.

In the first order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the March 8, 2016, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Alexander, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the reading of the minutes of the March 15, 2016, special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilwoman Bates, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #981, amending Ord. #965, to establish absentee by mail ballot voting procedures for non-resident property owners in municipal elections. (Ordinance #965 was passed in 2014 and was in effect, but MTAS has since made us aware of some wording that needed to be clarified and rewritten. The re-wording is the whole section "Title 20, Miscellaneous; Chapter 6, Section 20-501" found on the first page of the ordinance). Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Alexander, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Next on the agenda was the third and final reading of Ordinance #982, providing that the Code of Ordinances be amended by revision to Title 12, upgrading and adopting the 2012 International standards for building, utility, codes, pools, etc. City Administrator Rhoton requested this item be tabled and brought back up at the May 10th council meeting as more research was needed for this ordinance. Motion to approve tabling Ordinance #982 until the May 10, 2016, Council meeting was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion,

Last under unfinished business, the Council passed the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance #983, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to rezone property known as 1260 Lynchburg Road belonging to Twin Creeks Properties LLC to R-3A, high density residential alternative district from the

current zoning of R-1 residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilwoman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Note for record keeping purposes regarding Ordinance #984: There is no third reading for Ordinance #984, rezoning two parcels of property located between 974 and 1260 Lynchburg Road belonging due Twin Creek Properties, LLC from R-3A to C-2, due to the property owners withdrawing their request for rezoning after the second reading.

In the first order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton presented the following bids listed below that were received for a Dump Truck with snow plow and attachments for the Public Works Department:

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| Russell Barnett Ford | \$43,684.72 |
| Russell Barnett Chrysler Dodge Jeep | \$48,278.00 |

City Administrator Rhoton stated that she and Public Works Director Steve Goodwin recommend the low bid by Russell Barnett Ford. Motion to approve the low bid of \$43,684.72 for a new Ford F-360 4x4 Dump Truck by Russell Barnett Ford was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested permission for Recreation Manager Darrell Jolley to attend a G.S.A. auction to seek a used truck for the Recreation Department. Mrs. Rhoton stated that the money for this truck is in Mr. Jolley's budget. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Last under new business, the Council passed Resolution #982, a resolution for the City to apply for a tourism enhancement grant through the Tennessee Economic and Community Development to upgrade the amphitheater in downtown Winchester on North College Street. Mrs. Rhoton informed the Council that the total amount of this grant is \$50,000.00, but the Winchester Downtown Development Corporation has agreed to donate \$15,000.00 to the City of Winchester for matching funds for the grant. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Alexander, and all voted in favor of said motion.

The business portion of the meeting closed and Mayor Harrell asked if anyone in the audience had anything to bring before the Council. Mayor Harrell then recognized Mr. Jim Nunley, who resides on Dogwood Lane. Mr. Nunley informed the Council of a traffic hazard at West Petty Lane, Dogwood Lane, and Bennett's Pharmacy and stated that traffic would not stop at the designated stop sign. He brought a drawing showing the affected areas and stated he is afraid that accidents are going to happen due to people not obeying the stop sign. Mr. Nunley requested that white lines be placed on the street to show where people are supposed to stop and any other measures the city could take to help with the safety of that area. Mayor Harrell stated this safety concern would be brought before the Police Chief and Public Works Director to see what could be done.

Under City Administrator communications, Mrs. Rhoton informed everyone that the sidewalk project on First Avenue has now swapped sides of the street. She also stated that both the High on the Hog BBQ Festival and the International Dogwood Festival will take place before the next City Council meeting in May.

Under Council communications, and updates: Councilman Snead urged everyone to attend the High on the Hog Festival and the Dogwood Festival as they are both "home-grown" events; Councilwoman Alexander stated that the monthly Breakfast Fly-In at the Airport is Saturday, May 7th, at 7:00 a.m. She urges everyone to come to the breakfast (\$7.00) and then go to the Dogwood Festival; Councilwoman Bates reported that the High on the Hog Carnival opens tonight and there are sixty professional cooks and thirty back yard cooks this year. The festival will have BBQ, concession food, rides, and games.

Under mayor communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the downtown "Wriggle" event on April 8th was a tremendous success and well attended. He thanked everyone who came to the event as well as those who worked to help put on the event. Mayor Harrell urges everyone to attend the two family-friendly events, the High on the Hog BBQ Festival taking place April 12-16th and the Dogwood Festival being held May 6-8th, and reminded everyone that these are free events, with the exception of carnival rides and food purchases. Mayor Harrell stated that the Boulevard Bridge and the sidewalk projects will not be finished in time

for the Dogwood Festival, and asks for our continued patience while these projects are in the process of being completed. He went on to say that the bridge project is being conducted by the State of Tennessee and no advance notice was given to us before they began the project. Mayor Harrell also scheduled a budget work session to be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 a.m.

Under Department Head communications, Chief Dennis Young reported that the Winchester Police Department will jointly host a marijuana forum on Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the FCHS, in partnership with "SAM", Smart Approaches to Marijuana, with the Franklin County Prevention Coalition. This forum is being held due to the serious drug problem in our community and everyone is invited to attend.

With no further business or communications to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilwoman Bates, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

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 Meeting: April 12, 2016

