

MINUTES

July 8, 2014

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell, presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; 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 (on vacation)

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order, with a prayer by Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Womack.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council heard quarterly reports presented by Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell and Airport Manager Zackary Colecott, and both gave updates about their departments.

Next, Jerry Scharber, Director of the Winchester Downtown Group, requested approval for a one-time special event beer permit to host a "Farm to Table" dinner event on August 2, 2014. The event will be held in the private parking lot belonging to San Miguel LLC and located behind the former Arezzo's restaurant building. Mr. Scharber introduced Rebecca Allred, Jessica Davis, and Melissa Schapiro who are members of the Farm to Table Dinner Committee. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the dinner is being made from produce grown in Franklin County. Mr. Scharber stated they would like to serve beer and wine at this event and that they have applied with the State for their wine permit. One of the City's requirements for a one-time special event beer permit is for the applicant to come before the City Council to request their approval, and then before the Beer Board to obtain their approval. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under addresses, presentations and/or requests, Carey Wofford, Chairman of the Winchester Municipal Airport, requested that up to \$20,000.00 be added to the Airport's capital improvement budget in order to install drainage and asphalt for new T-Hangars. He explained that engineers report that a 100 x 20 building located toward the north end of the airport, which is currently in disrepair and unused for aviation purposes, must be removed in order to improve drainage and for T-hangar expansion. Mr. Wofford stated that the unused building will be

advertised for bids with the highest bidder purchasing and removing the building from the airport. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the June 10, 2014 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 reading of the minutes from the June 30, 2014 special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the first order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton presented Resolution #850, a resolution authorizing the City to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" Loss Control matching grant program. Special Projects Coordinator Yvonne Stewart explained that this is an annual grant and the City's portion of the matching grant money of \$2,000.00 is in the budget. She stated that the money will be used to purchase safety boots and shirts for the Public Works Department. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

The next item on the agenda was agreements for relocation of utilities and Mayor Harrell tabled this item until more information was available.

In the last order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton stated that the Highland Rim Habitat for Humanity is applying for a grant to build three houses in the City over the next three years and requested that all fees be waived. The Council agreed to waive our building permit fees, which would be approximately \$910.00, but could not waive any utility fees as waiving fees is against the Utility Board's policy. Motion to approve waiving building permit fees was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks was very impressive this year and thanked the Bell family for all their hard work with this event. Mayor Harrell also complimented Winchester Utilities, Winchester Airport, city employees and volunteers who do so much for the City of Winchester.

Under Council and Department Head communications, updates and reports: Councilman Spencer stated that he enjoyed the fireworks display and thanked the Bell family for this annual event. Councilman Womack reminded everyone that buying at home brings in sales tax and eases

property taxes and urged that we shop in Winchester first.

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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Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken and typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: July 8, 2014