

MINUTES

September 9, 2014

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Snead
Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order, with a prayer by Bill Cowan, and Councilwoman McDowell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harrell welcomed Mrs. McDowell to the City Council as she is filling the vacancy of Jack Bell who recently resigned.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, Mayor Harrell presented a proclamation to Cheri Anderson and other members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) proclaiming the week of September 17-24, 2014 as "Constitution Week" in the City of Winchester.

Next, Jerry Scharber, Executive Director of the Winchester Downtown Program, presented a petition signed by many downtown merchants requesting a temporary closure of the downtown square to vehicle traffic from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the "Taste of Autumn Car Show and Chili Cook Off" with Craft Beer Tasting & Cornhole Tournament on October 18, 2014. Several downtown business owners were in the audience in support of the requested closure. Mr. Scharber stated that we are proud to be a Main Street Community and proud to show off Winchester with events such as these. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

In the first order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the August 12, 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.

Next, the reading of the minutes from the August 21, 2014 special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

The last order of unfinished business was the second reading of Ordinance #971, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to delete and replace

text to Article !V, Section 4.080.C concerning the allowable signage in commercial districts. Councilman Spencer made a motion to table the second reading until the next Council meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of this motion.

In the first order of new business, Police Chief Dennis Young presented the below list of bids for two police patrol vehicles with rear wheel drive and one 4WD SUV police package vehicle meeting State of Tennessee specifications for the Police Department.

Russell Barnett Chrysler Dodge Jeep	\$24,522.00 Dodge Charger
Golden Circle Auto Group	\$25,383.80 Ford Sedan
" "	\$26,583.80 Ford Sedan
" "	\$26,697.80 Ford Explorer SUV
" "	\$29,278.80 Ford Sedan
Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep of Columbia	\$24,352.00 Dodge Charger

Chief Young stated that the differences in the various bids were due to the light packages and some being 2014 models and others being 2015 models. Chief Young informed the Council that Russell Barnett could not get a 2014 model, and explained that the 2015 models are not due to be ready until after the first of the year, which could be several months. He stated the department was in need of at least one police patrol vehicle and a SUV now, but could wait until a later date to order the second police patrol vehicle. Chief Young then recommended the low bid by Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Columbia, which is a State bid, for the 2014 Dodge Charger that is in stock for \$24,352.00. He further recommended the only bid submitted for a 4WD SUV by Golden Circle Auto Group in the amount of \$26,697.80, which is also a State bid. Chief Young stated that the Winchester Police Department received a \$15,000.00 grant from the Department of Justice to pay on a SUV to haul K-9 dogs. Motion for approval of the 2014 Dodge Charger by Golden Circle Auto Group and the 2015 Ford Explorer SUV from Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Columbia was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested approval to surplus the following vehicles and equipment for various city departments and to sell them through govdeals.com:

1999 Mercedes C28	Police Department
2006 Crown Victoria	Police Department
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1994 Harley FXRP	Police Department
Salt Spreader	Public Works Department
1995 Chevrolet Truck	Parks Department

Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton requested approval for a one-time special event beer permit for the City of Winchester's "Day of the Dead" event, and to waive the \$250.00 application fee. The funds

raised at this annual event are used to sponsor the gigantic Kid Zone at the International Dogwood Festival where every child can participate for free. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business, Mayor Harrell stated that Cile Alexander's term of office on the Design Review Committee has expired and, speaking with Mrs. Alexander, she has agreed to serve another term of office. Mayor Harrell then re-appointed Mrs. Alexander to the Design Review Committee and asked Council for their confirmation of his re-appointment. Councilman Hart made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell scheduled a work session for Tuesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Under City Administrator communications, Mrs. Rhoton stated that a Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 13th from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Adventure Mountain and Winchester Head Start. Volunteers are needed to participate with this project to work with some city employees. The Tims Ford Blueway Launch will be held on Saturday, September 27th at the Winchester City Park from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. There will be free BBQ, courtesy of the Estill Springs Lions Club, brochures and maps of the Blueway trail and Tims Ford, entertainment, some children's blowups, and other free items. TWRA will be there for boat safety and education. Several vendors will be at the Park with one bringing paddle boards for people to try. A kayak manufacturer is bringing their products and some kayak clubs are coming. Mrs. Rhoton stated that the Blueway was done through a grant in cooperation with the City of Estill, the State Park and TVA. Mrs. Rhoton announced that the City has been working hard with TVA and have agreed on our Dry Creek project. The City has received our Letter of Intent and our short term lease has been agreed upon to allow the interested party time to find out the costs involved and if they are willing to do the project and to sign a long term lease. She further stated that the short term lease is being signed now and goes into effect on Monday. Permission has also been received from TVA for us to do some clearing and they will be sending a field crew out to make sure we don't touch anything we're not supposed to touch.

Council or Department Head communications, updates and annual reports. Councilman Hart welcomed Mrs. McDowell back on the City Council. Police Chief Dennis Young announced that the annual 911 Police and Fire Memorial ceremony to pay tribute and honor to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty will be held on Thursday, September 11th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The key note speaker will be

Terry Ashe who is an author and retired sheriff of Wilson County in Lebanon, Tennessee.

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

and the

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: September 9, 2014