

MINUTES

November 11, 2014

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was the third & final reading of Ordinance #971, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to delete and replace text to Article IV, Section 4.080.C concerning the allowable signage in commercial districts and sign restrictions in the downtown overlay district.

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

Present: Councilman Snead
Councilman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Snead and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman McDowell.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #971, as described above. No one spoke for or against the ordinance 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, Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell stated revenues are up and expenditures are down for the 1st quarter financial report for 2015. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the October 14, 2014 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #971, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to delete and replace text to Article IV, Section 4.080.C concerning the allowable signage in commercial district and sign restrictions in the Downtown Overlay District. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer

Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Last under unfinished business was the 2nd reading of Ordinance #972, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to rezone a parcel of property behind the Herald Chronicle belonging to the Franklin County Publishing Company to C-2A, highway service alternative district from the current dual class of R-2, medium density residential and C-2, highway service districts. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Hart, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, Councilman Hart made a motion to reappoint Shannon Rogers to the Winchester Beer Board. Councilman Spencer seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson requested permission to seek bids on a new fire truck. He stated that the 1967 model is out of service and needs to be replaced and there is \$245,000 set aside in the budget for the purchase of a new fire truck. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve seeking bids for a fire truck, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator informed the Council of a request for consent to the Winchester Downtown Program Corporation for credit. She explained that the WDPC received the grant money that the City received for the downtown revitalization program and have had a line of credit since 2008. They have been operating with a variable rate line of credit and want to convert to a lower rate term note for 1.2 million dollars and are required to get permission from the City of Winchester to be allowed to convert to this financing. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson requested approval to reapply for a FEMA grant for turn out gear and air packs for the Fire Department. This is a 95/5% matching grant in the amount of \$71,500.00 and, if approved, the City's portion would be \$3,575.00. Motion for approval was made by Councilman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under new business, Mayor Harrell appointed Thomas Jarrod to the Winchester Utilities Board. He stated that Mr. Jarrod will replace Mr. Glen Glasner, whose term of office expired. Although

this is a mayoral appointment, Mayor Harrell requested confirmation from the Council for his appointment. Councilman Snead made the motion for confirmation of the appointment of Thomas Jarrod, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under City Administrator communications, Mrs. Rhoton wanted the public to know that the City will not be doing the "Santa Comes to Town" event this year due to the fact that the second Saturday in December is one of the biggest shopping days of the year and the event hinders the merchants to whom we have worked diligently to bring to our downtown district. Also, the expense of the event has continued to increase each year and requires many man power hours from our employees. The great news is, we are working with WCDT & some local merchants to take over the event. Santa will be coming to San Miguel's On December 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The fire trucks will be pulled out of the fire hall for the kids to see and the fire hall will also provide a place for people to go in case of rain or other inclement weather. Home Depot will be near Santa providing a craft for the kids, the Oldham Theatre is planning on showing movies, and the Methodist Church will have a cookie drop. Riva Lake Church will provide a live nativity scene on the courthouse lawn from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and WCDT is working hard to coordinate other activities.

Under Council and Departmental reports, communications, and updates, Councilman Snead thanked City Administrator Rhoton and the City employees, the Dogwood Committee members and all who volunteered to help with the recent "Day of the Dead" Dogwood Festival fundraiser to help keep the Kidz Zone free for the children. Councilman Hart thanked all who helped with the Day of the Dead event and thanked those who participated with the downtown "Taste of Autumn" Chili Cook-Off. Councilman Hart stated that the Veteran's Day ceremony was held on the square and thanked our veterans for their service. Councilman Womack reminded everyone that Christmas is coming and to shop with local businesses and keep our tax dollars in Winchester.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the "Small Business Day" is Saturday, November 29th and suggested everyone get out and support our local small businesses. He also thanked those who participated with the "Taste of Autumn" Chili Cook-off held on October 18th and congratulated the Winchester Fire Department for winning 1st place in the event. Mayor Harrell stated that the Winchester Fire Department's ladder truck raised the flag for the Veteran's Day ceremony held on the square and he was pleased they could participate with the raising of the flag for the ceremony.

Mayor Harrell scheduled a work session for the Winchester

City Council on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the City Hall Annex building. This work session will be to discuss the lease for the Dry Creek Marina project.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, 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 and typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: November 11, 2014