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MINUTES

May 10, 2016

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, beginning at 5:00 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, 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 Winchester Utilities Director Roger Caldwell and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Airport Manager Zackary Colescott.

Under addresses, presentations and/or requests, the Council heard the quarterly report from Financial Director Martha Carol Luttrell. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilwoman Bates presented a request from the Kiwanis Club for the City of Winchester to once again co-sponsor their 2017 High-On-The Hog BBQ Festival. This will be their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the event will take place in the City Park from April 14-24, 2017. Their request, which is attached to the minutes, includes the same services as years past: provide the use of City Park buildings & parking areas April 14-24, 2017; support of Winchester City services; assistance of City Recreation Department workers to help at the Festival in same capacity as last year. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the first order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the April 12, 2016, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilwoman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Bates, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under unfinished business 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. (Public hearing for Ord. #982 was held at the April 12, 2016, council meeting where the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was tabled until the May meeting). Motion to approve Ordinance #982 was made by Councilman Womack, 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

In the first order of new business, Mayor Harrell tabled the first reading of Budget Ordinances #985, #986, and #987 as he felt that another work session was needed before the budget would be ready to vote on first readings. Mayor Harrell then scheduled a budget work session for Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex.

Next, the Council passed the first reading of Ordinance #988, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to rezone the Cherokee Trails Subdivision, which includes 75 lots and approximately 32 acres, to R-2S, medium density residential alternative district from the original zoning of R-1 low-density residential district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, 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, Airport Manager Zackary Colescott requested permission to transfer any airport leases currently in the name of the City of Winchester (these leases were engaged at least twenty (20) or more years ago before the airport became an authority), to the Winchester Municipal Airport Authority. Mr. Colescott stated that newer leases are now in the name of the Winchester Municipal Authority and that all leases would still be brought before the City Council for their approval even though the leases would be assigned to the Airport Authority. Motion to approve the transfer of airport leases in the name of the City over to the Authority was made by Councilwoman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion

passed unanimously.

Next, Airport Manager Zackary Colescott also requested two EAA leases (Chapter #699 of the Experimental Aircraft Association) that were engaged into approximately twenty-five (25) years ago for land that was donated and placed in the name of the City of Winchester be transferred and assigned to the Winchester Municipal Airport Authority. Mr. Colescott stated that this would give the Authority the permission for options to combine these two leases into one lease, and to enter into negotiations for new leases, and to address renewals and issues of price at time of renewals. Motion for approval of the transfer was made by Councilwoman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Police Chief Dennis Young requested approval of the bi-yearly Certificate of Compliance for T.J.'s Liquor & Wine as the business was in compliance of all city codes. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Bates, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton requested approval of a TDOT construction change order in the amount of \$11,885.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Project #114983 taking place on both sides of First Avenue. Mrs. Rhoton stated the cost will be covered under the contingency amounts built into the grant. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under new business, Mayor Harrell requested confirmation of his reappointment of Warren Christensen to the Winchester Planning Commission. He stated that Mr. Christensen, secretary of the committee, had a wealth of knowledge, took excellent minutes, and was a very valuable asset to the Planning Commission. Motion for confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment was made by Councilwoman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under Council and City Administrator & Department Head communications and updates: The Council all agreed that the International Dogwood Festival that took place May 6-8, 2016, was a success, with perfect weather and a great fireworks display, and thanked everyone that came out to attend the festival as well as everyone who worked and helped put the festival together; Councilwoman Bates stated that The Hangar Bar

& Grill received a beer permit on April 20<sup>th</sup> and another Beer Board meeting is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the new owners of Chally Wally; and Councilman Womack urged everyone to shop at home.

Under mayor communications, Mayor Harrell echoed the remarks made by the Council concerning the Dogwood Festival and he thanked everyone who came to the event. He also thanked City Administrator Rhoton, Dogwood Steering Committee Chairman Vicki Acklen and the Steering Committee, City employees, Steve Macon, the Sheriff's Department and Winchester Utility Department, Pyros Shows for the fireworks, and all the volunteers who worked so hard to help put on the festival. Mayor Harrell especially thanked all the sponsors for their donations and reminded everyone that the only way the city is able to make this event free to the public each year is through the donations provided by our sponsors.

The headliner for this year's Dogwood Festival was Mike Farris and his band, the Roseland Rhythm Revue, and the Mayor stated that it was a fantastic performance. During the concert, Mayor Harrell presented Mr. Farris, who was a 2016 Grammy award winner and had grown up in Cowan, with a key to the City of Winchester, and that Mike was very appreciative of being acknowledged.

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

City of Winchester's website is:

[www.winchester-tn.com](http://www.winchester-tn.com)

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 J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken and typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: May 10, 2016