

MINUTES

April 9, 2013

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing was Ordinance #955, amending Title 14, Chapter 1, Section 14-101, of the Winchester Municipal Code to reduce the number of members on the Planning Commission and lengthen the terms of membership.

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

Present: Councilman Bell  
Councilman Hart  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Stewart  
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order, Councilman Womack offered the prayer, and Councilman Bell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments from the audience regarding Ordinance #955, amending Title 14, Chapter 1, Section 14-101 of the Winchester Municipal Code to reduce the number of members on the Planning Commission and lengthen the terms of membership. No one spoke for or against the ordinance and Mayor Harrell adjourned the public hearing.

The regular Council meeting began immediately after the close of the public hearing.

Under requests, addresses or presentations, the Council heard quarterly reports presented by Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell and Airport Manager Zackary Colescott.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the March 12, 2013, 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 Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #955, amending Title 14, Chapter 1, Section 14-101, of the Winchester Municipal Code, to reduce the number of members on the Planning Commission and lengthen the terms of membership. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed with four (4) ayes and one (1) nay cast by Councilman Stewart by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bell  
Councilman Hart  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Stewart

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #956, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to redistribute staff duties in the administration of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart  
Councilman Bell  
Councilman Hart  
Councilman Spencer

Nays: Councilman Womack

Next, the Council approved the second reading of Ordinance #957, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, rezoning property located at 974 Lynchburg Road (former Antebellum Inn) to R-1, low-density residential district from C-3, neighborhood service business district. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart  
Councilman Bell  
Councilman Hart  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton presented the following bids for the cemetery mowing contract for the Public Works Department:

Franklin Co. Lawn & Landscaping	Price per cut: \$ 1,000.00 Extended price: \$12,000.00
Caldwell Lawn & Landscaping	Price per cut: \$ 1,900.00 Extended price: \$22,800.00

Mrs. Rhoton recommended the low bid be accepted and Councilman Hart moved to approve the low bid submitted by Chris Foster, owner of Franklin County Land and Landscaping. Councilman Spencer seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #958, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, rezoning two parcels of property (one parcel owned by Robert Ballard and the other parcel by the Betty Henson Heirs) located on the west side of South High Street to C-1, central business district, from R-2, medium-density residential district. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed with four (4) ayes and one (1) nay cast by Councilman Stewart by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: None  
Councilman Bell

Councilman Hart  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Stewart

Next, Finance Officer Martha Luttrell requested permission to allow USABLE to bring in voluntary employee benefits, and that no future requests from other companies be allowed. Mrs. Luttrell explained that the USABLE enrollment team can work with our software and alleviate some of the pressure on our employees trying to fulfill human resource roles. Councilman Stewart made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Mrs. Luttrell requested permission to bid out the health insurance so the city might maintain the best rates and time the future renewals in a manner that will allow us to better budget the expense. Councilman Spencer made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Hart, and the motion passed unanimously.

In the last order of new business, Mrs. Luttrell requested permission to place bids for paving the road going into the Winchester Little League Park. She stated that Recreation Manager Darrell Jolley has approximately \$22,000 left in his campground budget, line item #936, that he would like to transfer for use of this paving, which would only take a portion of this money. When questioned if the top of the parking lot was also being paved, Mrs. Luttrell stated they would like to pave it if there was enough money left from repaving the road. Motion to approve the bid process for paving at the Little League Park was made by Councilman Stewart, who requested two separate bids, one for repaving the road and the other to repave the top parking lot, to determine if we will be able to cover both bids. Councilman Hart seconded this motion and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under City Administrator communications, City Administrator Rhoton stated that the Kiwanis Club's High-on-the-Hog BBQ festivities will begin this weekend, and the city's Dogwood Festival will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May.

Under Council communications, updates and reports: Councilman Stewart thanked everyone involved with the Coca-Cola Bass Classic Tournament held this past weekend at the City Park and stated they had a big turn-out for the event. Councilman Hart stated he is still receiving compliments on the new signage at the City Park, and he commended the Fire and Police Departments on their response and handling of the situation where a fuel tanker overturned on the David Crockett Highway; Councilman Spencer thanked City Administrator Rhoton, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin, and all the employees who worked on the beautiful downtown landscaping. Councilman Womack reminded everyone to

spend their tax dollars at home.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell stated that the High-on-the-Hog Festival starts Saturday with a 5-K Run and a corn hoe tournament, and that the city's International Dogwood Festival will be held May 3-5, 2013, and he invited everyone to attend these two events.

Under Departmental communications, updates and reports, Mayor Harrell reported for Police Chief Dennis Young that the Winchester Police Department, in partnership with the Franklin County Prevention Coalition and the Franklin County School System, will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the FCHS auditorium, to present "Internet Safety: What Is Your Child Doing Online?" Audience members can have their questions answered by the U.S. Attorney General's Office, the FBI, the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney General's Office, the Department of Children's Services, and the Franklin County Prevention Coalition. Mayor Harrell commended our Police Department on their efforts with internet safety and urged everyone to attend this important Town Hall Meeting.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Womack, 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 & typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: April 9, 2013