

MINUTES

May 14, 2013

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was Ordinance #956, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to redistribute staff duties in the administration of the Zoning Ordinance. (Public hearing advertised for Ordinance #957 has been postponed at the request of the property owners).

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 Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order, Winchester Utilities Manager Roger Caldwell offered the prayer, and Estill Springs Mayor Tony DeMatteo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments from the audience regarding Ordinance #956, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to redistribute staff duties in the administration of the Zoning Ordinance, and stated that the public hearing for the third and final reading of Ordinance #957 was postponed at the request of the property owners. No one spoke for or against Ordinance #956 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, Steve Cagley, representing Franklin County High School Project Graduation, requested the City to sponsor Project Graduation with a two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) sponsorship. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in.

Next, Police Chief Dennis Young introduced Thomas Farmer, ASAC/Director, State Methamphetamine & Pharmaceutical Task Force with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Farmer's presentation included information about the rise of meth labs in the State of Tennessee and especially in the City of Winchester and Franklin County.

Chief Young showed a short video on the dangers and devastation cause to the lives of children and adults exposed to meth labs made from using ephedrine and pseudoephedrine related products and the devastation. Mr. Farmer and Chief Young recommended the City adopt Ordinance #959, regulating the sale of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine related products in

the City of Winchester. Chief Young and Mayor Harrell thanked the visitors from others cities in our county who attended this meeting for the ephedrine ordinance presentation and to learn more about these drugs and their effect in our county.

Next, Finance Officer Martha Carol Luttrell presented the financial quarterly report for period ending March 31st as reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. Councilman Bell moved for approval of the report, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of the motion.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the April 9, 2013, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final 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 Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

The next item on the agenda was the third and final reading of Ordinance #957, but Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gillette, owners of the property located at 974 Lynchburg Highway, requested postponement of this reading.

Next, the Council approved the second 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 Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 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 a Backhoe for the Public Works Department:

Nortrax	\$64,600.00
Thompson Machinery	\$78,493.00

Mrs. Rhoton stated that Public Works Director Steve Goodwin had reviewed

the bids and both met the specifications and recommended the low bid be accepted. Councilman Womack moved to approve the low bid submitted by Nortrax, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

Next, Recreation Manager Darrell Jolley presented the following bids for the Recreation Department for paving the road at the entrance to the Little League ball field:

Rogers Group, Inc.	\$14,700.00
Tinsley Asphalt	\$28,398.55

Mr. Jolley stated he reviewed the bids and both met the specifications and he recommended the low bid be accepted. Councilman Hart moved to approve the low bid submitted by the Rogers Group, Inc., seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor.

Next, Recreation Manager Darrell Jolley presented the following bids for the Recreation Department for paving the parking lot at the Little League ball field:

Rogers Group, Inc.	\$22,825.00
Tinsley Asphalt	\$22,240.96

Mr. Jolley stated he didn't have sufficient funds in his budget at this time to pave the parking lot and no action was taken.

Next, City Administrator Rhoton presented the following bids for Downtown Information Signs:

Brand Imaging Group	\$30,800.00 (\$1,925/sign)
Herald Chronicle	No Bid
Jarvis Sign Company	\$23,072.00 (\$1,442/sign)

Mrs. Rhoton stated bids for the downtown signage had been advertised earlier this year but had to be rebid with corrected wording. She informed the Council that these bids were for signs only and that bidding for installation of the signs would come at a later time. Our engineers, Dempsing, Dilling & Associates, reviewed the bids and recommended the low bid by Jarvis Sign Company. Councilman Bell moved to approve the low bid submitted by Jarvis Sign Company, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor.

Next, Mayor Harrell set the following terms of office for Planning Commission members:

Dr. Richard Bagby:	one (1) year term
Donnie Worley:	two (2) year term
Warren Christiansen:	three (3) year term

Mayor Harrell stated that after this, the terms of office will be in sequence so everyone won't be up for reappointment at the same time.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #839, a resolution declaring a vacancy on the Winchester City Council as a result of the resignation of Councilman Cheyne Stewart (letter of resignation is attached with the minutes) and, in keeping with the Winchester City Charter, Article II, Section 2.09(a). Motion for approval was made by

Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor.

Next, the Council approved Resolution #840, a resolution appointing Suzanne McDowell to fill the unexpired council term of Cheyne Stewart, who resigned on April 16, 2013. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion. Mayor Harrell welcomed Mrs. McDowell to the Council and thanked her for agreeing to the appointment. Mayor Harrell further stated that she was the first person that came to his mind to fill the vacancy due to all her experience and help from prior years of serving on the City Council.

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #959, amending Title 11, Chapter 8, of the Winchester Municipal Code by adding Section 11-805, regulating the sale of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine related products within the municipal boundaries of the City of Winchester. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Bell, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #960, amending Appropriations Ordinance #946, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #961, an ordinance making appropriations for the administration operation and maintenance and capital expenditures of each department, agency and fund of the City of Winchester for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Bell, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the last order of new business, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #962, an ordinance assessing and levying

taxes within the corporate limits of the City of Winchester for the tax year 2013. City Administrator Rhoton stated that this ordinance keeps the tax rate at the current rate (\$0.8233 per one hundred dollars) with no property tax increase. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under Council, City Administrator, and Department Head communications, updates and reports: the Councilmen welcomed Mrs. McDowell to the City Council; Police Chief Young thanked the City Council for understanding the importance and urgency of adopting the new ephedrine drug ordinance. Councilman Womack reminded everyone to spend their tax dollars at home.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell thanked everyone who helped with the city's International Dogwood Festival. He also thanked Police Chief Young and the Police Department and the Franklin County Prevention Coalition for their hard work in the fight against drugs in our area. Mayor Harrell scheduled a budget work session for Thursday, May 16th at 5: p.m. in the Annex and scheduled a special called meeting of the Winchester City Council for Tuesday, May 28th at 12:00 noon.

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

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: May 14, 2013

