

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

June 26, 2013

The Winchester City Council met in a special called session on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, beginning with a public hearing at 12:00 noon. (A work session preceded the special called meeting). The purpose of the public hearing was for the third & final reading of the following: Ordinance #960, amending Appropriations Ord. #946, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; 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; Ordinance #962, an ordinance assessing and levying property taxes within the corporate limits Of the City of Winchester; and amending Resolution #841, appropriating funds to non-profit charitable and non-profit civic organizations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

The purpose of the special called meeting was for the following: third & final reading of Ordinance #958, amending Zoning Ordinance #Ordinance #960, amending Appropriations Ord. #946, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; 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; Ordinance #962, an ordinance assessing and levying property taxes within the corporate limits Of the City of Winchester; amending Resolution #841, appropriating bunds to non-profit charitable and non-profit civic organizations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014; and health insurance.

A quorum being present, Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order and the meeting proceeded with the transaction of business. The special called meeting form reads as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

To the Council Members of the City of Winchester, Tennessee,
to-wit:

Jack Bell
Wayne Hart
Suzanne McDowell
Bruce Spencer
William Womack

Notice is hereby given that a special called meeting of the City Council will be held at the hour of 12:00 noon on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, 2013.

Judy Baker
Secretary

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of Winchester, Tennessee, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice waiving any and all irregularities in such notice, and consent and agree that said Council shall meet at the time and place named therein for the purpose therein named.

Jack Bell
Councilman

Wayne Hart
Councilman

Suzanne McDowell
Councilwoman

Bruce Spencer
Councilman

William Womack
Councilman

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

Present: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Suzanne McDowell
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #960, amending Appropriations Ord. #946, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; 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; Ordinance #962, an ordinance assessing and levying property taxes within the corporate limits Of the City of Winchester; and amending Resolution #841, appropriating funds to non-profit charitable and non-profit civic organizations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. No one spoke for or against the above items and the Mayor adjourned the public hearing.

The special called Council meeting began immediately after the close of the public meeting.

First under unfinished business, the Council approved the third and final reading of Budget Ordinance #960, amending Appropriations Ord. #946, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart

Councilwoman McDowell
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the third and final 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. For audit purposes, City Administrator Rhoton mentioned that the employee salary step program for granting merit raises are in place and fulltime employees who passed their merit evaluations will receive a two and one-half percent (2½%) raise. Motion for approval was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #962, an ordinance assessing and levying property taxes within the corporate limits of the City of Winchester for the 2013 property tax year at \$0.8233 per one hundred dollars. This property tax amount is equivalent to the \$0.79 tax amount the City charged for property taxes in 2011 and the past several years but, due to a property reappraisal where most appraisals were lowered, the tax amount went to \$0.8233 for the 2012 property tax year and is the same for the 2013 property tax year. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the amendment of Resolution #841, a resolution appropriating funds to non-profit charitable and non-profit civic organizations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Mrs. Rhoton explained that we received a late request by the Animal Harbor and this amendment includes a one-time only donation of \$5,000.00 to the Animal Harbor. Motion for approval was made by Councilwoman Bell, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of unfinished business, City Administrator Rhoton stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the requests for

proposals for Health Insurance presented by the following companies: Concord Insurance Company, the Malone Company, V. R. Williams Insurance Company, and Sherrill Morgan Insurance Company. The deadline for receiving the proposals was June 19, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. and the City requested Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance with a HRA program. Mrs. Rhoton stated that the HRA program will increase deductibles to \$1,500.00 but the HRA that the City will fund will help the employee pay if they need money over what they are currently paying. One quote submitted by Sherrill Morgan Insurance said the numbers that Blue Cross/Blue Shield gave us for the bid are incomplete and therefore is not an accurate reflection of what this plan could do for the City of Winchester's cost. The Finance Committee did not feel comfortable reviewing their particular proposal with that quote in it because it felt like, if we had a problem and had to go back, that would be a disclaimer to them and their proposal was thrown out for that reason. After reviewing the insurance proposals, Mrs. Rhoton stated the other three proposals met the specifications and that all Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates are the same, so the Finance Committee is recommending acceptance of the health insurance proposal by V. R. Williams Insurance Company due to having local service. Motion to approve V. R. Williams Insurance proposal was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

City of Winchester's website is:
www.winchester-tn.com

International Dogwood Festival website is:
www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: City Administrator Rhoton
Minutes typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: June 26, 2013

