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MINUTES

July 9, 2013

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Beth Rhoton, City Administrator (on vacation)
Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

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

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 June 11, 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 reading of the minutes from the June 26, 2013, special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Bell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next on the agenda was the request for improvements to the Soccer Complex as presented by Mike Rudder representative for the Winchester Rotary and Brian Baggett, representative for the Soccer Association, at the June 11th council meeting for a soccer complex which includes a new field, bathrooms and concession stand. Mayor Harrell stated that this item had been discussed during a work session and that a motion is needed for their request. He further stated that money needed for the expansion and improvements total \$80,000.00. The Winchester Rotary Club will provide \$15,000.00 up front and the Soccer Association will provide \$25,000.00 for a total of \$40,000.00, and the City was requested to match and fund the \$40,000.00 balance of the project. The City would be repaid annually with \$5,000.00 from the Winchester Rotary Club and \$3,000.00 by the Soccer Association (pledge letters attached). Councilman Bell moved for approval, seconded by

Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the first order of new business, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #963, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to add definition and text for transitional homes (halfway houses) to the C-2 highway service district as a use permitted as a special exception. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman McDowell, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Next, Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell requested the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Tinch, MD, MPH, to the City's Panel of Physicians. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell requested approval of the audit contract submitted by the City's accountants of Clark, Knies & Crenshaw, PLLC. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business, a request to advertise for bids for the Soccer Complex improvements was approved by the Council for one bid for dirt work, one bid for an irrigation system, and one bid for bathrooms and concession stand. Motion for approval to advertise these bids was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilwoman McDowell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell thanked Councilman Bell and the Bell family for orchestrating the "Thunder by the Lake" fireworks event again this year, as they have done for many, many years. The fireworks show, which is always scheduled for the 4th of July, had to be postponed to July 6th this year due to many days of heavy rain. Mayor Harrell stated the budget is finished and thanked the council for their hard work on it and thanked the employees for their help and input with the budget from last year and again for this year. Mayor Harrell thanked the Utilities and Airport managers for all they do and for their help in making Winchester a better community.

Under Council, City Administrator, and Department Head communications, updates and reports: Councilwoman McDowell also thanked Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Colescott for their good reports; the Council thanked Councilman Bell and the Bell family for their many years of putting on the July 4th fireworks shows. Councilman Bell appreciated

everyone's thanks and stated that everyone who worked on the event was wet for about 13 hours setting up the fireworks. He stated that not many people knew that City Administrator Rhoton worked with them all day on Saturday, getting tents for them to work under, tarps to cover up the fireworks, helped load the fireworks, and did many other tasks that were involved with the event - and, in two more years, she will be a certified pyro technician! Councilman Womack reminded everyone that it's election time and to get out and vote and he also reminded everyone to spend their tax dollar money here at home.

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:

Judy Baker, City Recorder

Minutes taken & typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: July 9, 2013