

## MINUTES

September 10, 2013

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The reason for the public hearing was the third and final reading of Ordinance #963, adding definition and text for transitional homes (halfway houses) to the C-2 highway service district as a use permitted as s special exception.

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

Present: Councilman Bell  
Councilman Hart  
Councilman Snead  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order, Councilman Snead offered the prayer, and Police Chief Dennis Young led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #963, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to add definition and text for transitional homes (halfway houses) to the C-2 highway service Hor against the ordinance and the Mayor adjourned the public hearing.

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

Under requests, addresses or presentations, Margaret Ottley, Administrator of Elections for the Franklin County Election Commission, spoke to the Council concerning non-resident property owners. Mrs. Ottley is requesting that the city pass an ordinance requiring property right voters to vote my mail. She stated that the Election Commission would contact all property rights voters by mail before each election. The voter will sign a form saying they continue to own the property and wish to vote in the election. Upon receipt of the form, the voter will be mailed a paper ballot. No in-person voting would be available to property rights voters if the ordinance passes. Mrs. Ottley further stated that this should cause a greater turnout among these voters and that this ordinance would enable the election office to handle this process more efficiently. The Election Commission currently has 67 non-

resident property voters registered and, of those, 34 voted in the last election. Mrs. Ottley also explained that it would not be feasible to reduce the City's current two voting precincts (Franklin County Annex and Clark Memorial School) due to confusion as to when voters would only vote at the Franklin County Annex and other elections where voters could also vote at Clark Memorial School. She said she was willing to make a compromise by cutting the number of workers at each precinct down to five workers in order for the city to save money on elections. Mayor Harrell said the Council will take her request under advisement.

Next, Tabitha Curtis, Franklin County Prevention Coalition Coordinator, commended Police Chief Dennis Young for his hard work and dedication in getting pseudoephedrine ordinances passed in the cities of Winchester, Decherd, Cowan, Estill Springs and Huntland, and Franklin County, as well as going to many other cities in the State of Tennessee and helping them to pass the pseudoephedrine ordinance. She said that forty cities are considering passing the ordinance which prohibits the selling of any medications containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine without a prescription. Ms. Curtis then presented Chief Dennis Young with a framed logo of the "Stop Meth Now" signed by members of all the councils and other officials.

First under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes from the August 13, 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 #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 Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Bell, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead  
Councilman Bell  
Councilman Hart  
Councilman Spencer  
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Park Manager Darrell Jolley presented the following bids receive to level, grade and crown Field #3 for the Soccer Complex:

Blair & Blair Construction:	\$39,750
Lawns Unlimited Landscaping/Irrigation	\$14,850
Curtis Construction	\$20,000

Mr. Jolley informed the Council that this project was re-bid due to some confusion of the first bids received at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and he recommended the low bid be accepted. Councilman Womack made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by Lawns Unlimited Landscaping/Irrigation in the amount of \$14,850. This motion was seconded by Councilman Spencer and all voted in favor.

In the first order of new business, Fire Chief Gary Greeson presented the following bids for a truck to replace the 1995 Ford Bronco, known as Squad 1:

Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Columbia	\$26,978.00
Sam Swope Auto Group, LLC	\$27,179.55
Russell Barnett Chrysler Dodge Jeep	\$27,779.00
Russell Barnett Chevrolet-GMC	\$29,214.00

Chief Greeson explained that the bid by Russell Barnett Chrysler Dodge **Jeep did not meet the engine specifications, and recommended the low bid** submitted by Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Columbia in the amount of \$26,978.00. Councilman Bell moved for approval, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Fire Chief Greeson requested to surplus the 1995 Ford Bronco that is being replaced by the new vehicle and sell on govdeals.com. Councilman Bell moved for approval, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Police Chief Dennis Young presented the following bids received for purchasing two 2014 patrol cars for the Winchester Police Department:

Russell Barnett Ford	2014 Ford Taurus	\$24,357.00 ea
Russell Barnett Dodge	2014 Dodge Charger	\$25,000.00 ea.

Chief Young explained that the Russell Barnett Ford bid did not meet the specifications and recommended accepting the other bid submitted by Russell Barnett Dodge at a cost of \$25,000.00 each for a total amount of \$50,000.00 for the two vehicles. Councilman Hart moved for approval, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton presented the following bids received for a traffic signal replacement at Porter Street and Dinah Shore Boulevard:

Stansell Electric Company	\$127,930.00
S & W Contracting Co., Inc.	\$121,260.00

Mrs. Rhoton stated that our engineering consultants, Dempsey, Dilling & Associates, reviewed the bids and recommended the project be awarded to S & W Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$121,260.00. Motion

for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilman Hart made a motion to re-appoint Marie Mosley to another term on the Winchester Beer Board. He stated that Ms. Mosley has served on the Beer Board for several years and is a great asset to this Board. This motion was seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton stated that Special Projects Coordinator Yvonne Stewart recommended the appointments of Andrea Binkley and Whitney Summers to the Ms. Tennessee Dogwood Pageant Board of Directors. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Under Council, City Administrator, and Department Head communications, updates and reports: City Administrator Rhoton reminded everyone that the annual STMC Plunge Marathon will take place On October 5<sup>th</sup> and to contact City Hall to volunteer; Councilwoman Snead was welcomed to the City Council and he gave an update on the Design Review Commission; Councilman Bell researched the tiny white insects that have been flying around and annoying people and discovered that they feed on hackberry trees and are known as Asian Hackberry Woolly Aphids, and supposed to be harmless; Councilman Womack asked everyone to shop at home to keep our tax dollars local; Police Chief Young stated that the annual Police and Fire Memorial would be held at 5:00 p.m. in front of City Hall on September 11, 2013.

Under his communications, Mayor Harrell welcomed Councilman Snead and stated that they had worked together on a previous council. He also complimented City Administrator Rhoton, Public Works Director Steve Goodwin and the Public Works employees and all who helped to decorate the downtown square for the fall season, as well as the decoration they do for all seasons. Mayor Harrell welcomes guests in the audience and congratulated Chief Young on his and the Police Departments fight against Meth and drugs.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Spencer, 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 Recorder

Minutes taken & typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2013