

(FCHS media class did not video tape this meeting)

MINUTES

June 14, 2016

The Winchester City Council met in a regular called session at City Hall on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman Alexander
Councilwoman Bates
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Fire Chief Gary Greeson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by a member of the Winchester Boy Scouts.

In the first order of unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the May 10, 2016, regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Snead, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Last under unfinished business was the second reading of Ordinance #988, amending Zoning Ordinance #506, to rezone the Cherokee Trails Subdivision, which includes 75 lots and approximately 32 acres, to R-2S, medium density residential alternative district from the original zoning of R-1 low-density residential district. Councilman Womack commented that this change would not allow duplexes. A member of the audience, Trevor Lockhart, expressed his concern of the changes. He asked about the ability to build duplexes and preferred that the zoning stay the same. Mayor Harrell explained that the rezoning would only allow the setbacks to be closer but no duplexes were allowed. He also explained that the public would have an opportunity to speak for or against at the public hearing that would be held at the July 2016 Council meeting. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilwoman Alexander, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman Alexander
Councilwoman Bates
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, under New Business, was the first reading of Ordinance #985, an ordinance amending appropriations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Womack, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman Alexander
Councilwoman Bates
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, was first reading of Ordinance #986 making appropriations for the administration operation and maintenance and capital expenditures of each department, agency and fund of the City of Winchester, Tennessee for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilman Spencer
Councilwoman Alexander

Nays: Councilman Womack
Councilwoman Bates

Next, was first reading of property tax Ordinance #987, setting property tax rate for the 2016 property tax year. Mayor Harrell announced the tax rate that the council was voting for would be \$1.0233. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by Councilman Spencer. During discuss Councilwoman Alexander commented that she was unhappy with the budget and preferred to have a .10 increase instead of .20. She explained that she understood the criteria of meeting fund balance policies and while she would vote for the tax increase this year, after the property reassessment which scheduled for next year, she would not vote for additional tax increases in future years. We will have to cut areas within the budget whether we like it or not. Mayor Harrell thanked Councilwoman Alexander for her comments, and added we had made many reductions to the budget prior to talking about a tax increase. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilman Spencer
Councilwoman Alexander

Nays: Councilman Womack
Councilwoman Bates

The last order of New Business, Certificate of Compliance for Tims Ford Package Store. Chief Young addressed the Council and recommended approval. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Snead, seconded by

Councilwoman Bates, and the motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Snead
Councilwoman Alexander
Councilwoman Bates
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Under Council and City Administrator & Department Head communications and updates: The Council each thanked Judy Baker for her many years of service to the City of Winchester and wished her a happy retirement; Councilwoman Alexander praised the Rising Sun Redbud Festival that took place last weekend. The Jackson's were honored for the tree and she hopes that everyone will begin to come to the downtown events; Councilwoman Bates reminded everyone of the Music By Lake that will take place in the Winchester City Park. Secondly, she mentioned the Winchester Beer Board met and recommended approval of the Certificate of Compliance for Tims Ford Package store and approved beer permits for Chally Wally and Carter's Corner.

Under Mayor Communications, Mayor Harrell echoed the remarks made by the Council concerning Judy Baker and her retirement. He also thanked everyone involved in the budget process and recognized the Winchester Boy Scouts that were present.

With no further business or communications to be brought before the Council, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilwoman Bates, and all voted in favor.

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 J. Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken and typed by: Beth Rhoton
Date of Meeting June 14, 2016