

MINUTES

February 14, 2012

The Winchester City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, beginning with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was the third & final reading of Ordinance #938, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506 to allow signs for public recreation uses in residential zoning districts; and Ordinance #939, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to allow any awning style compatible with the character of the building and neighboring buildings within the downtown overlay district.

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

Present: Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Stewart
Councilman Womack
Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with the prayer led by Terrell Farmer and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bryan Dalton.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #938, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to allow signs for public recreation uses in residential zoning districts; and Ordinance #939, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506 to allow any awning style compatible with the character of the building and neighboring buildings within the downtown overlay district. No one spoke for or against the ordinances and the public hearing was adjourned.

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

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the January 10, 2012 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Womack, seconded by Councilman Bell, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #938, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506 to allow signs for public recreation uses in residential zoning districts. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart
Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance #939, an ordinance amending Zoning Ord. #506, to allow any awning style compatible with the character of the building and neighboring buildings within the downtown overlay district. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart
Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first order of new business, the Council discussed whether or not to continue with the Police Department's motorcycle unit lease. Police Chief Dennis Young read a prepared statement giving his reasons to either do away with the motorcycle unit, or change to having the cycles being driven on dayshift only. Chief Young asked the Council to make the decision on what was to be done with the motor unit. Mayor Harrell gave each of the Councilmen an opportunity to speak on the subject, as well as the Motor Patrol officers. After the discussion, Mayor Harrell asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Womack made a motion to renew the lease for the motorcycle unit, keep the shifts as is, add more and brighter lights to the cycles, and change the color from black to white in order for the cycles to be more visible. Councilman Hart seconded the motion but asked to have built-in radar added to the motion. Councilman Womack made an amendment to his motion to add having built-in radar on the cycles. The motion then passed by a vote of three to two by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: Councilman Stewart
Councilman Bell

Next, Swimplex Manager Bryan Dalton presented the following bids (bid deadline was February 9th and bid opening held February 10th at 10:00 a.m.) received for painting the interior of the Swimplex:

AlaTenn Construction & Properties	\$20,772.00
Burt Contracting	\$19,700.00
Curtis Construction	\$10,750.00
Garner Painting Company	\$10,996.19
Liberty Construction Company	\$23,400.00
Simmons Handi Man Service	\$21,400.00
Volunteer Painting Company	\$14,731.00

Motion to approve the low bid of \$10,750.00 by Curtis Construction for painting the interior of the Swimplex was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Swimplex Manager Bryan Dalton presented the following

bids (bid deadline was February 9th and bid opening held February 10th at 10:00 a.m.) received for painting the exterior of the Swimplex:

AlaTenn Construction & Properties	\$18,650.00
Burt Contracting	\$12,700.00
Curtis Construction	\$ 7,850.00
Garner Painting Company	\$ 5,205.30
Liberty Construction Company	\$ 9,800.00
Simmons Handi Man Service	\$14,683.00
Volunteer Painting Company	\$11,347.00

Motion to approve the low bid of \$5,205.30 by Garner Painting Company for painting the exterior of the Swimplex was made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #940, amending Title 14, Chapter 1, Municipal Planning Commission, of the Winchester Municipal Code to alter membership requirements, reestablish the terms of presently serving members accordingly, and declare additional powers. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart
Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, the Council approved the first reading of Ordinance #941, amending Zoning Ord. #506, to extend the time limit for the satisfactory completion of approval for certain specified items when conditionally approved by the Planning Commission of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion for approval was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Spencer, and all voted in favor by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilman Stewart
Councilman Bell
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Rob Caldwell, Asst. Superintendent of Public Works, presented the Council with the below list of vehicles from the Public Works Department and asked approval to surplus and sell the four trucks through govdeals.com:

Truck #23 - 1992 GMC, color: orange	Vin #1GTEC14H6NZ538532
Truck #16 - 1997 Ford, color: red	Vin #1FTDF1764VKB17592
Truck #14 - 1999 Dodge, color: white	Vin #1B7MC16X9X5217937
Truck #17 - 1999 Dodge, color: white	Vin #1B7MC161X5217947

Motion to approve to surplus and sell the trucks on govdeals.com was made by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business, City Administrator Rhoton informed the Council that Clark, Knies & Crenshaw Public Accountants had

presented her with a final draft of the 2011 audit at 4:00 p.m. today. Once she and Finance Director M. C. Luttrell have reviewed and approved the audit, the auditors will print the final copy for the Council.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell recognized Carter Ashby and Wesley Dittmar from Boy Scout Troop #185, and audience member Terrill Farmer, and stated he was glad to have them at the meeting. Mayor Harrell thanked everyone who participated in the "Day On The Hill" that we attended in Nashville this past Tuesday and stated that it was another success. He also thanked Fire Chief Gary Greeson for staying up all night to cook the meal for this event.

Under Council and Departmental reports, communications, and updates: Councilman Stewart and Councilman Hart attended the International Dogwood pageant and were amazed by the talent factor here in Franklin County. The Councilmen complimented Beth Rhoton and Yvonne Stewart, and thanked all the pageant volunteers for their time and hard work on the pageant. Proceeds from this event will be set aside for a scholarship.

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
International Dogwood Festival website is:
www.winchesterdogwoodfestival.com

Terry Harrell, Mayor
City of Winchester

Attest:

Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by: Judy Baker

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Date of Meeting: February 14, 2012