

(Media class did NOT film this meeting as Franklin Co. school system was on spring break)

MINUTES

March 13, 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 #940, amending Title 14, Chapter 1, Municipal Planning Commission, of the Winchester Municipal Code to alter membership requirements, re-establish the terms of presently serving members accordingly, and declare additional powers; and 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.

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
Councilman Hart
Councilman Spencer
Councilman Stewart
Councilman Womack

Absent: Beth Rhoton, City Administrator
Greg O'Neal, City Attorney

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with the prayer led by Roger Caldwell and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Zackary Colescott.

Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing for any comments on Ordinance #940, amending Title 14, Chapter 1, Municipal Planning Commission, of the Winchester Municipal Code to alter membership requirements, re-establish the terms of presently serving members accordingly, and declare additional powers; and 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. 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 requests, addresses or presentations, Winchester Little League President Jimmy Davis gave an update on the Little League. He stated that the Winchester Little League will host the District Tournaments for two divisions in 2012, and will host the State Tournament in 2013, which will bring many people from other cities and

communities to Winchester for several days. He thanked the entire City of Winchester Council, Staff, Recreation, Public Works, Police, Power and Water Departments for all they continue to do to help the Little League. Mr. Davis spoke about needing to replace equipment for concession stands, press box and fields due to age, storm damage and vandalism, and about other area in need of improvement. Mr. Davis reported that the needed purchases and repairs would cost approximately \$78,000, and that the Little League is working hard to raise as much money as they can. Franklin County Government has cut out the \$2,300 in funding they had been giving to the Little League each year and Mr. Davis said that anything the City could do to help with the purchases and improvements would be much appreciated.

Under unfinished business, the reading of the minutes of the February 14, 2012 regular Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the reading of the minutes of the February 28, 2012 special called Council meeting was dispensed and approved on a motion by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor of said motion.

Next, the Council approved the third and final 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 Stewart, seconded by Councilman Bell, 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 #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 Womack, 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, Finance Director Martha Carol Luttrell stated that a motion was needed to allow the expense for the purchase of blue bags for the recycling program for this and following years, and that we normally budget \$6,000.00 for this expense. She explained that the purchase of the blue bags had typically been broken down into two purchases a year in order to keep the price under the \$5,000.00 limit for council approval but, at this time with the shipping, it is more cost effective to place one order from the sole source. Councilman Stewart motioned to allow the City Administrator to purchase the blue bags each year with the cap limit in the amount of \$7,000.00. Councilman Womack seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Mrs. Fanning requested approval for a budget amendment for the Airport to take advantage of a 90/10% matching grant opportunity for a \$9,250 taxiway extension Phase I, and a \$5,000 roadway pavement reseal grant for a total amount of \$14,250.00. She explained that the amendment is needed as the grant came in the middle of the year and was not in the Airport's budget. Motion to approve the airport budget amendment was made by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Councilman Hart, and all voted in favor of said motion.

In the last order of new business, Mayor Harrell stated that, as our ordinance indicates that we do have an open position now for an appointment from the Council to the Planning Commission. Mayor Harrell said that after giving consideration to this matter, he talked with Councilman Hart to see if he would be willing to serve, and Councilman Hart is his recommendation to the Planning Commission. Councilman Spencer made a motion to accept the recommendation of Councilman Hart to serve on the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Womack, and all voted in favor.

Under Mayoral communications, Mayor Harrell asked the Council and Department Heads to be thinking about the budget and stated there will be future work sessions will be held for budget sessions.

Under Council and Departmental reports, communications, and updates: Councilman Stewart stated he wore his Tennessee Titans shirt in honor of looking forward to adding Peyton Manning to their roster; Councilman Hart said that he was looking forward to working with the Planning Commission. Councilman Spencer stated that the Historical Committee continues to work with the WDPC on the historical plaques for some of the buildings around the square, and that they are getting good comments on the ones that have already been placed; Councilman Womack complimented Police Chief Dennis Young and the Police Department for the meeting with the Boy Scouts, and showing them the S.W.A.T team, the

police cars and motorcycles, cars, etc.; Swimplex Director Bryan Dalton stated that the Swimplex would be closed until March 19th due to painting.

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

Minutes typed by: Judy Baker

Date of Meeting: March 13, 2012