

MINUTES

December 14, 2021

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present and participating were: Mayor Terry Harrell presiding; Beth Rhoton, City Administrator; Teena Waggoner, City Recorder; various Department Heads; news media; and the following Council Members:

Present: Councilwoman Barbara Lucas
Councilman Michael Sisk
Councilman Steve Cagley
Councilwoman Lydia Curtis Johnson
Councilman William Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Cagley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Sisk.

The Mayor began the meeting with a Public Hearing for Ordinance #1039, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506 known as the Zoning Ordinance of Winchester, Tennessee to rezone property on ByPass Road to C2, Commercial Highway Service District from the current zoning of C4, Multi-Residential-Commercial District. No one spoke for or against this ordinance.

Next, there was a Public Hearing for Ordinance #1040, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506 known as the Zoning Ordinance of Winchester, Tennessee to rezone property on Mac's Street to C2-A, Commercial Highway Service Alternative District from the current zoning of R-1, Residential Low Density District. Mr. Phillip Stanley voiced his concerns about additional traffic with children playing in this area and cars turning around in his driveway. Mayor Harrell commented that the city would erect a No Outlet sign in this area and that the property is going to be used for boat storage and would not generate a lot of extra traffic.

Mayor Harrell continued the meeting with unfinished business. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the November 9, 2021 City Council Minutes. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the said motion.

Next, Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1039, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506 known as the Zoning Ordinance of Winchester, Tennessee to rezone property on ByPass Road to C2, Commercial Highway Service District from the current zoning of C4, Multi-Residential-Commercial District. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagley
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the next order of business, Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #1040, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506 known as the Zoning Ordinance of Winchester, Tennessee to rezone property on Mac's Street to C2-A, Commercial Highway Service Alternative District from the current zoning of R-1, Residential Low-Density District. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagley
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

In the first item of new business, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to reappoint Margaret Lynch and Wanda Pearson the Franklin County Consolidated Housing Authority. Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned that the City of Winchester had received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and suggested to the Council to use a portion of these funds for city employees for their continued hard work during the COVID-19 outbreak. She recommended each employee receive \$1.00 premium pay for hours worked from April 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. Councilwoman Johnson agreed with Mrs. Rhoton's recommendation, Councilman Cagley seconded the motion and the motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton asked for the following budget amendments:

1. Wage Study \$ 12,000.00
2. American Rescue Plan Premium Pay Funding \$265,000.00
3. Dump Truck \$100,000.00 (This was unused funds in FY 2021 budget)

Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the budget amendments, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the said motion.

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton asked permission to surplus the old tennis court lighting and Babe Ruth Field lighting. Councilman Cagley agreed to surplus the lights, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Police Chief Ritchie Lewis asked permission to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango from the Drug Fund from Russell Barnett Dodge in the amount of \$27,263.00 and trade-in a 2013 Town & Country Van with the VIN# ending in 8432. Councilman Cagley approved the purchase and trade-in. Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members approved.

Next, Police Chief Ritchie Lewis asked permission to surplus a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe in the Police Department. Councilman Womack approved surplus the vehicle, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

In the last order of business, Councilwoman Lucas made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1041, an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance #506 of Winchester, Tennessee to rezone the property bordered by 2nd Ave SW, South High Street, and 4th Avenue SW to R2S, Residential Medium Density Single Family from the current zoning of R2, Residential Medium Density. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagley
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack

Nays: None


Under Communications, Councilwoman Lucas asked everyone to consider volunteering their time locally. Councilman Sisk mentioned how beautiful Winchester looks during the Christmas season. Councilman Cagley mentioned that the Design Review Committee met and approved the remodel of the old Wiffenpoofs. Councilman Womack asked all to trade local. All Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mayor Harrell asked all to be thankful for our blessings and think of those that are less fortunate. City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned that a Special Called Meeting is needed to rezone the Beacon Properties and it was decided to hold that meeting on January 4, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Cagley made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting, Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

By:


Terry Harrell, Mayor

Attest:


Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder
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