

MINUTES

December 13, 2022

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 13, 2022 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 Womack.

The Regular Meeting started with a presentation from Waste Management guests Tom Brandon and LJ Kiehlmier. Mr. Brandon mentioned that he appreciates the fourteen-year relationship with Winchester. He said that he met with Mrs. Rhoton last week and discussed their scope of work and identified a few opportunities for improvement. He said that Waste Management is becoming more digital that will help with communication such as customers being assigned a customer ID to communicate problems electronically. Mr. Kiehlmier said that it has been a pleasure working with Winchester and would like to get more involved with the community. The last couple of years have been difficult due to COVID-19 and the supply chain, but Waste Management does everything they can to run as efficient as possible. Mayor Harrell mentioned that there was a time that we felt we had some major issues with Waste Management, but it seemed to improve with the automatic side load truck. There are always going to be issues, but he appreciates keeping a good line of communication available. Several of the Council Members mentioned various things that have happened in the past, but they agreed that the side loader seemed to be an improvement overall. With no further comments from the Council, the Mayor thanked them for attending the Council meeting.

The next item to be discussed under presentations was Ordinance #959, an ordinance to amend Title 11, Chapter 8 of the Winchester Municipal Code by

adding Section 11-805, regulating the sale of Ephedrine or Pseudoephedrine related products within the municipal boundaries of the City of Winchester, Tennessee. Mr. Kyle Ashby, owner of Blue Front Drug Store spoke to the Council with concerns pertaining to Ordinance #959 and asked the Council to consider resending this ordinance. He mentioned that State law requires citizens to show an ID, which is entered into a data base, upon purchasing items such as (Claritin-D, Sudafed, Mucinex-D, etc) that are keep behind the counter, and state law also limits the quantity that can be purchased in a certain time frame. As many of you know, Tennessee currently has a very difficult cough, cold and flu season and it would benefit the citizens to have Pseudoephedrine available to purchase.

Chief Lewis spoke and said the Methamphetamine continues to be huge problem; however, he feels that this ordinance is out of date. Local citizens no longer cook Methamphetamine because there is an abundance that comes from Mexico. Chief Lewis has discussed this ordinance with his staff and they we would not object to resending this ordinance and would like for the citizens to have more access to needed medication.

In the only item of unfinished business, Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the November 8, 2022 City Council Minutes. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of said motion.

In the first item of new business, Recreation Director Darrell Jolley said that Teddy's Lawnmower Sales & Service turned in three bids for a Zero-Turn Mower, however only the Toro met the specifications in the amount of \$12,485.00. Councilman Cagley made a motion to purchase the Toro Mower, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Next, Recreation Director Darrell Jolley asked approval to purchase a 30'x60' metal building for the Recreation Department. Only one bid was received from Metal Building Master in the amount of \$23,434.62. It will be located where the old swimming pool was located. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the metal building purchase, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the next order of business, Recreation Director Darrell Jolley informed the Council that the Boiler that heats the indoor pool is no longer working and is not under warranty, so he requested a budget amendment to purchase a new

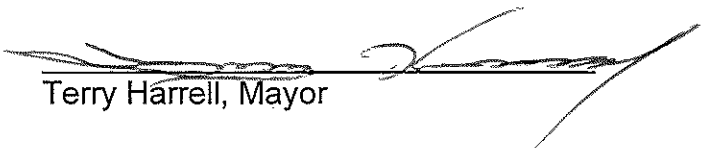
Boiler in the amount of \$25,500.00. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the budget amendment, Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

In the last order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton commented that Sue Fulmer and the Kiwanis Club have requested use of the Winchester Citizens Pavilion for a Summer Bash on June 2, 2023. The Mayor asked Recreation Director Jolley if the park would be able to handle this event. Mr. Jolley said that this is the same weekend of the Herald Chronicle Tournament, so the Recreation Department will be unable to help with the Summer Bash, but the Citizens Pavilion is available on that day. Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve use of the facility on June 2, 2023, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.

Under communications, Councilwoman Lucas asked everyone to consider volunteering for the Senior Citizens. Councilman Cagley and Councilwoman Johnson wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Councilman Womack asked everyone to trade at home.

With no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Cagley made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting, Councilman Sisk 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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