

MINUTES

May 10, 2022

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, May 10, 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

Absent: Councilman William Womack

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

The Mayor began the Meeting with a Public Hearing for Ordinance #1045, an ordinance amending Title 12 of Winchester Municipal Code Book related to Building, Utility, etc Codes. No one spoke for or against this ordinance.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and the meeting continued with unfinished business. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the April 12, 2022 City Council Minutes. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of said motion.

Next, Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance #1045, an ordinance amending Title 12 of the Winchester Municipal Code Book related to Building, Utility, etc Codes. Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagley
Councilwoman Johnson

Nays: None

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Franklin County Memorial Activity Center Funding (previously named Health & Wellness Fitness Center). The City of Winchester will contribute a one-time payment in the amount of \$46,875.00 in Fiscal Year 2023 and an annual payment of \$28,125.00 thereafter

with the term expiring in 2030. Councilwoman Lucas proposed to change the term from eight years to five years. Councilwoman Lucas made a motion to approve the payments and change to the term to expire in 2027. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the first order of new business, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1046, an ordinance of the City of Winchester, Tennessee amending appropriations Ordinance #1035 for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Councilman Cagley seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagley
Councilwoman Johnson

Nays: None

Next, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1047, an ordinance of the City of Winchester, Tennessee adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagley
Councilwoman Johnson

Nays: None

In the next order of business, Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1048, an ordinance adopting the 2018 Building Codes Fee Schedule. Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagley
Councilwoman Johnson

Nays: None

Next, Mayor Harrell asked for confirmation to re-appoint Richard Bagby to the Winchester Planning Commission. He has served on this committee for thirty years and is an asset to this Commission. Councilman Cagley made a motion to

re-appoint Richard Bagby to the Planning Commission, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Winchester Downtown Program Director Liz Ausdenmoore asked the Council for permission to have a Summer Music Series on the 4th Friday of June, July, August and September. For safety concerns, she also asked permission to close North College Street between 1st Ave NE and 2nd Ave NE, and 2nd Ave NE between North Jefferson Street and North Porter Street. The roads will be closed from approximately 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Mayor Harrell asked Mrs. Ausdenmoore to coordinate traffic control with Chief Lewis. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the event, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the next order of business, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Nepotism updates to the Winchester Personnel Policy. The updates will be attached with the minutes. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton explained that the Winchester Fire Department would like to start a Step Program for department training. She suggested the following:

Base pay with State minimum certifications	\$14.25
Fire Figher 1 Commission Certification	\$00.25
Fire Fighter 2 Commission Certification	\$00.25
Pumper Driver	\$00.25
Fire Inspector 1	\$00.50
Officer Promotion	\$00.50

Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the Fire Department Step Program, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the last order of business of the evening, City Administrator Beth Rhoton explained that Hunter Wolkonowski “HunterGirl” is currently in the Top 5 of American Idol and anticipates that she will make it to the Top 3. The Top 3 Artist will visit their hometowns on May 17, 2022. If she does make the Top 3, Mrs. Rhoton asked permission to close the square for the event on that day. The plans are to have a small stage at the Oldham Theater for her arrival at 9:30 am, a parade at 4:00 pm beginning at the old Food Lion parking lot to the square; and ending with concerts that evening at Twin Creeks Boat Ramp/Campground.

Councilman Cagley made a motion to block the square for the event, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion, and all members were in favor of the motion.


Under Communications, the Mayor and all Council Members mentioned to City Administrator Rhoton that she had been missed and they are all happy to have her back at work. With Councilman Womack's absence, Councilwoman Johnson 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, Councilwoman Lucas 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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