

MINUTES

November 9, 2021

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, November 9, 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: Councilman Michael Sisk
Councilman Steve Cagley
Councilwoman Lydia Curtis Johnson
Councilman William Womack

Absent: Councilwoman Barbara Lucas

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order with a prayer by Councilman Cagley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Winchester Utility Manager George Powell.

The Mayor began the meeting by recognizing visitor Douglas Freund of 100 Jills Landing, Winchester TN. Mr. Freund addressed the Mayor and Council and voiced his concerns about City Hall not being ADA Compliant, and that the city is discriminating against the disabled. He mentioned the ramp leading to the back door of city hall is not in compliance and the railing is dangerous. He went on to say that no one in a wheelchair would be able to enter the City Hall back doors, no handicap parking is available, and some of the sidewalks are not compliant. He also mentioned that the handicap parking beside Coldwell Banker Real Estate needs attention. Mayor Harrell thanked him for attending and appreciated him voicing his concerns. Mayor Harrell went on to explain that City Hall is over 100 years old and is grandfathered from the ADA laws. However, the city does have a long-range ADA plan. Each year the city has funds budgeted for sidewalk updates, etc and those plans also include a City Hall remodel to make it more accessible. Mr. Freund asked when the remodel would take place, and the Mayor didn't not give a time frame, but again said that it is in our plan.

Mayor Harrell continued the meeting with unfinished business. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021 City Council Minutes.

Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the first item of new business, Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the first 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. Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagle
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack

Nays: None

Next, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the first 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 or R-1, Residential Low Density District. Councilman Womack seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Sisk
Councilman Cagle
Councilwoman Johnson
Councilman Womack


Nays: None

In the last order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton asked for approval to make the annual contribution to the employee 401a Retirement Plan in the amount of \$184,800.38. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the funding, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the funding.

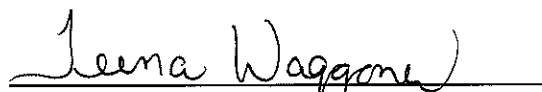
Under Communications, Councilman Sisk, Councilman Cagley and Councilwoman Johnson mentioned that the Downtown Boo Bash was a great success and very enjoyable, and commended Grant Gipson for a job well done. Councilman Womack asked everyone to keep their sales tax local.

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

By:


Terry Harrell, Mayor

Attest:


Teena Waggoner, City Recorder

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder
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