

## MINUTES

November 14, 2023

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councilman Michael Sisk  
Councilwoman Barbara Lucas  
Councilman Mike Foster  
Councilwoman Lydia Curtis Johnson  
Councilman William Womack

Absent: None

Mayor Crabtree called the meeting to order with a prayer by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Mike Foster.

In the only item of Unfinished Business, Councilman Foster made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of October 10, 2023. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

In the first item of new business, Swimplex Manager Lisa Clark explained that one bid was received for (2) CO2 Feed Control Units from Cass-TN in the amount of \$6,175.72. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the bid, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1065, an ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 1 of the City of Winchester Municipal Code relating to Animal Control. Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Next, Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1066, an ordinance of the City of Winchester, Tennessee prohibiting panhandling. Councilman Foster seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton read Resolution #905, a resolution allowing a period of time for the public to comment on agenda items at City of Winchester Council Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings.

Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the resolution with the following change:

Individuals will be required to request public comment for meetings five (5) business days prior to the meeting instead of ten (10) days.

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

In the next order of business, City Administrator Beth Rhoton read Resolution #906, a resolution authorizing the City of Winchester to submit an application for funds through the Tennessee Department of Transportation under the Tennessee Alternative Program. Councilman Sisk made a motion to approve Resolution #906, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Mayor Crabtree asked the Council for a vote of confirmation to reappoint Susan Walton to the Winchester Design Review Commission. Councilman Womack voted to reappoint Ms. Walton to the Commission, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the last order of new business, Winchester Utility Manager George Powell asked the Council for approval to apply for State Revolving Funds. Mr. Powell said the Utility System is requesting 4.1 Million Dollars with an interest rate of 1.75% for 15 years with a 20% forgiveness. The funds will be used to purchase new digital water meters throughout the city. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve moving forward with the funding request, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted to approve the motion.

Under communications, Councilman Womack asked everyone to trade at home.

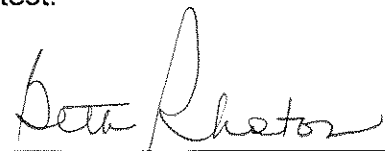
With no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Sisk made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting, Councilman Womack seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

By:



Sean Crabtree, Mayor

Attest:



Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder  
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