

MINUTES

September 14, 2021

The Winchester City Council met in regular session Tuesday, September 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 Pledge of Allegiance lead by Councilman Womack.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing to inform the public that the City of Winchester intended to apply for a Multimodal Access Grant to build sidewalks along Highway 64. This will be a \$1,000,000.00 grant with a five percent (5%) match from the City of Winchester. No one spoke for or against this grant.

Mayor Harrell closed the Public Hearing and the meeting continued with the Mayor reading a Proclamation declaring September as Suicide Prevention Month. The proclamation revealed some startling statistics which included that over 1,100 lives are lost in Tennessee each year due to suicide. Christianne Montoya with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network was present at the meeting.

Next, under unfinished business Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the August 10, 2021 City Council Minutes. Councilman Cagley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor the motion.

In the first item of new business, Mayor Harrell asked the Council to consider the reappointment of Jeff Smith to the Winchester Airport Authority. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the reappointment, Councilman Womack seconded motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Harrell asked the Council for a vote of confirmation to appoint Councilman Womack the Vice-Mayor of the City of Winchester. He is our most senior Council Member and is most qualified. Councilman Cagley made a motion

to appoint Councilman Womack as Winchester's Vice-Mayor, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

In the next of business, Police Chief Ritchie Lewis asked for approval to purchase two (2) Ford Explorers for the Police Department in the amount of \$33,337.00 each from Lonnie Cobb Ford which has the state contract. Councilman Womack made a motion to approve the purchase, Councilman Cagley seconded the motion and all members voted favorably.

Next, Fire Chief Gary Greeson mentioned that one bid was received for the purchase of a Fire/Water Rescue Boat from One Boat in the amount of \$69,836.00. Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the boat purchase, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

In the next order of business, Police Chief Ritchie Lewis explained that in 2005 the Kiwanis Club donated a 2005 Hallmark Enclosed Trailer to the Police Department. Since the Police Department no longer needs the trailer, the Kiwanis Club has asked if they could have this trailer back to keep it supplied with nonperishable items to donate to devastated areas. Councilman Womack made a motion to give the trailer back to the Kiwanis Club, Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Police Chief Ritchie Lewis asked the Council to Surplus a 2010 and 2013 Dodge Charger. He said that the Franklin County Sheriff's Department has shown some interest in purchasing them, but if they don't, they will be sold on GovDeals.com. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the vehicle surplus, Councilman Sisk seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

In the next order of business, Resolution #894, a resolution adopting a Plan of Service for the annexation of Map 55 Parcel 38.03 was tabled until more data can be collected.

Next, City Administrator Beth Rhoton asked to surplus various items that have been stored in the basement for many years. These items include vases, teacups, saucers, plates, old Dogwood Festival decorations, etc. These items will be sold on GovDeals.com. Councilman Cagley made a motion to surplus the items, Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

In the last order of business, Councilman Cagley made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1038, an ordinance amending Ordinance #506 known as the Zoning Ordinance of Winchester, Tennessee to rezone property on North Porter Street to R3A, High Density Residential Alternative District from the current zoning of C4, Multi Residential Commercial District. Councilwoman Lucas seconded the motion and the ordinance passed with the following roll call vote:

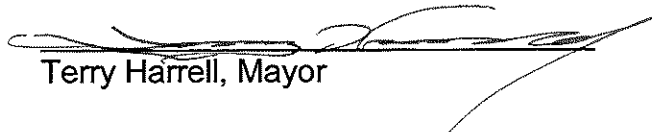
Ayes: Councilwoman Lucas
 Councilman Sisk
 Councilman Cagley
 Councilwoman Johnson
 Councilman Womack

Nays: None

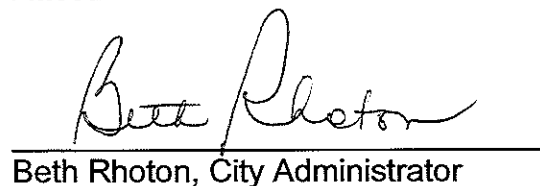
Under Communications, City Administrator Beth Rhoton mentioned that the Fire Department Sign bid was much lower than expected. The approximate cost will be \$4,700.00. Councilman Womack asked everyone to spend their money at home. Mayor Harrell congratulated Councilman Womack on becoming the Vice-Mayor.

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:


 Beth Rhoton, City Administrator

Minutes taken by Teena Waggoner, City Recorder
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