

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

Regular meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Council
Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

Mayor Byrum called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.
Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney, recorded the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Byrum
Moment of Silence – Mayor Byrum

The Clerk-Treasurer's roll call showed three City Council Members present.

District 1	Councilor Larry Lennington	Absent
District 2	Councilor Tom Sells	
District 3	Councilor Ron Loyd	Absent
District 4	Councilor Leesa Friend	
At Large	Councilor Jason Allen	

Additional Officials Present:

Jon Reed, Police Chief; Dwayne Wiggans, Fire Chief; Shean Bosworth, Street and Park
Superintendent and Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney

Citizens Present

Bob McCoy, Niles Thornburg, Kristopher Bilbrey, Linda Rittenhouse, Larry Rittenhouse, Deb
Henning, Danny Hudson and Shawn Patterson

Media Present

Bill Richmond (Radio Station Star 98.3)

Approval of the Minutes

Councilor Friend motioned to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting as
presented. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Council Members Issues and Concerns

Councilor Sells, President, opened the floor for Councilors to share their issues or concerns or
present citizens that approached them with issues or concerns. None of the councilors raised
concerns.

Public Issues and Concerns

Councilor Sells, President, opened the floor for the public to share their issues or concerns. None of the present citizens raised issues or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2019-5

Proposed Ordinance no. 2019-5 is being presented by Clerk-Treasurer Haney on behalf of United Healthcare Insurance Company, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 35: PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE WINCHESTER CODE OF ORDINANCES." Clerk-Treasurer Haney explained that currently the City's Health Insurance is fully funded (no longer partially self-funded) thus minor amendments to the ordinance need to be made. United Healthcare, is asking to change the language, for the amendments, to include the phrase "fully-funded" instead of "partially funded" in two paragraphs, and requesting that the age of a dependent be 26 years instead of 18 years.

Councilor Friend moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-5 by title only.

Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The reading was completed.

Councilor Sells moved to approve the first reading. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2019-4

Proposed Ordinance No. 2019-4 was presented by Councilor Friend for the second reading and is entitled "AMENDED SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12, SALARY ORDINANCE".

Councilor Friend moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-4 by title only.

Councilor Allen seconded. The amendment pertains to the new limitations on city credit cards, limiting meal reimbursement costs, and it puts in place procedures for reimbursement.

Mayor Byrum asked about employees who have to purchase their own lunches before reimbursement at the end of the month; specifically, he asked for those who make less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour that it might be a financial burden to. Councilor Sells mentioned that the council may want to amend that policy. Councilor Friend asked how often the credit card, which the reimbursement system would replace, had been used for meals and trips. Clerk-Treasurer Haney said it was 6 or 7 times, depending on the departments. Councilor Friend said that most departments would know that they're going out of town and would be able to plan ahead. Councilor Allen asked if they could monitor the card and have the employees pay the difference if the amount was over the allowed amount; this would do away with the reimbursement system. Clerk-Treasurer Haney said the proposed ordinance with the amendments was too complicated. The motion died.

Additional Appropriation Public Hearing

Clerk-Treasurer Haney reminded the council that a public hearing will be held for an additional appropriation for the C.E.D.I.T. Fund in the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000) on March 18 at 6:30 pm.

622 North East Street

Attorney Cockerill stated that the City received the court order to abate the Landless Property, located at 622 North East Street. He asked the council how they wanted to handle the abatement. Mayor Byrum said he just received the order today and would like to go to the property with Superintendent Bosworth. Superintendent Bosworth said he checked the property out today. He's unsure of what's underneath everything, but believes it can be picked up with a grapple truck and taken to the landfill. Attorney Cockerill instructed him to keep the receipt from the landfill so it could be added back to the property taxes. Whatever is on the property can be abated by the City. Councilor Allen asked where the expenses incurred would be taken from in the budget. Clerk-Treasurer Haney said expense for blighted properties are usually disbursed for the CCI (Cumulative Capital Improvement) fund.

Councilor Friend asked when the City would receive the properties from the Randolph County Commissioners. Attorney Cockerill said the process for receiving the deeds is usually 60-90 days.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Sells moved to adjourn. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The March 4, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Haney, Clerk-Treasurer