

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

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

Pledge – Mayor Byrum
Moment of Silence – Mayor Byrum

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

The Clerk-Treasurer’s roll call showed four City Council Members present.

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

Additional Officials Present:
Meeks Cockerill, Attorney; Dwayne Wiggins, Fire Chief and Jon Reed, Police Chief

Citizens Present:
Shannon Schumacher, Executive Vice President of Volunteers of America (VOA) Ohio and Indiana, and Rick Sanders

Media Present:
Bill Richmond, Star 98.3 WZZY Radio Station

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

213 E Short Street Request for Approval of Claim for Asbestos

Councilor Allen explained at the previous council meeting, held on October 21, 2019, that Council moved to approve a quote from Air Management Techniques for the removal and disposal of asbestos at the property owned by the City located at 213 E Short which is going to be demolished by Burton Excavation & Trucking. The amount approved for the asbestos removal was One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00). This amount is for removal and disposal of asbestos window caulking on all original exterior windows.

The removal and asbestos containing transit siding materials located on the exterior of the home is a set rate of \$1.00 per square foot for the cementitious siding materials.

Councilor Allen apologized for overlooking the expense for the siding materials which is an additional Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)

Councilor Loyd moved to approve the additional \$2,500.00 expense of the asbestos removal and disposal. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Winchester House (313 S Meridian Street)

Mayor Byrum stated Shannon Schumacher, Executive Vice President of Volunteers of America (VOA) Ohio and Indiana, is present to give an update on the Winchester House, located at 313 S Meridian Street.

The Winchester House has been opened for business for 18 months and have served 279 mothers in this facility. 12 healthy babies have been born to mom's in the program. Currently there are 14 in the facility, 6 infants and 2 toddlers. The facility currently has a staff of 17; which they are currently hiring.

Donations to the facility are in abundance. Medicaid has been approved as a funding source for the program. The VOA has partnered with Meridian Health for medical aid. Councilor Loyd asked if Winchester is the smallest location in operation in Indiana. Ms. Schumacher answered yes.

Councilor Lennington asked how long the first part of the program is. Ms. Schumacher stated 21 days and mothers can stay up to 54 days longer depending on the degree of services they need.

60 percent have completed the entire program.

Councilor Loyd asked if the VOA has any interest in owning the facility. Ms. Schumacher does not have the details on that. Councilor Sells commented the completion rate is good.

Mayor Byrum asked if some of the ladies completing the program are staying within the community.

Mothers are in the general area because of follow up care. The greatest challenge has been the location, getting the mothers here, and the transportation. The health care community has been good.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Sells moved to adjourn. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The November 4, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney