

CITY OF WINCHESTER  
COMMON COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers/ City Hall/ 113 E. Washington St.

Pledge- Mayor McCoy  
Moment of Silence- Mayor McCoy

Mayor McCoy called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer, Kerry Sayre, recorded minutes.

**The Clerk's roll call showed five City Council Members present**

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| District 1 | Councilor John R. Boyd       |
| District 2 | Councilor Terry Alfrey       |
| District 3 | Councilor Jim Nunez, Jr.     |
| District 4 | Councilor Leesa Friend-Teale |
| At Large   | Councilor Tom Sells          |

**Additional Officials Present**

Meeks Cockerill, Attorney; Dwayne Wiggans, Fire Chief, and Jon Reed, Police Chief, Chris Martin, Waste Water Superintendent, Shean Bosworth, Street Superintendent, Joe Sheets, Animal Control Superintendent, Brian Pohlar, City Engineer- HWC Engineering

**Citizens Present**

Michael R. Kennedy, Karen Wilkins, Isaiah Ashley, Dakota Adams, Matthew Clause, Bridget Ashley, Michelle Kaiser, Anthony Harless, Niles Thornburg, Kris Bilbrey, Levi Cross, Debbie Henning, Shawn Patterson, Rick Sanders, Levi Cross, Brent Halper

**Media Present**

Bill Richmond, Star 98.3 WZZY Radio Station  
Kate Thornburg, News Gazette  
Jeff Ward, News Gazette

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from December 16, 2019 and January 6, 2020 were both approved. Motion carried 5-0 for both.

**Old Business**

**Amended Salary Ordinance 2020-1.** Mayor McCoy stated this amended ordinance just makes it a more simplified/easier to read form. Mayor McCoy asked if there were any questions or comments. Councilor Sells made a motion to make Ordinance 2020-1 read by title only for the first reading, Councilor Friend-Teale seconded. Motion carried 5-0 for the first reading of 2020-1. Councilor Sells

then read the Ordinance 2020-1 to replace salary ordinance 2019-9. Leesa Friend-Teale requested we waive the rules, and also make the second reading by title only, this motion carried 5-0. Councilor Sells did the third and final reading by title only on Salary Ordinance 2020-1 amended 2019-9. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor McCoy then stated Salary Ordinance 2020-1 was approved and adopted 5-0. Council Members then signed the Salary Ordinance 2020-1.

**E-Gov:** Mayor McCoy gave us an update on the E-Gov website, training is set up for January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30, Mayor McCoy, Brian Scott and Kirstin Oswald will all be participating in this training. Mayor McCoy stated once the training is complete they will update the website as much of the information is very outdated. E-gov is also going to show us some new items available that other communities are using, like drone footage and such, which will probably be a future expense of Edit.

**Karen Wilkins/Park property:** Karen Wilkins presented a detailed packet of information regarding the park property that is next to their property. Mayor McCoy stated he had consulted with Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney prior to the meeting because he wanted this issue resolved. Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney told Mayor McCoy he wanted the council to make a decision if the property can or cannot be sold to Karen Wilkins, if permissible by the Goodrich Trust. Council made a motion to sell the property to Karen Wilkins & Isaiah Ashley as long as permissible by the Trust. Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney will review the Goodrich Trust for a final decision. Motion carried 5-0.

**Light issues:** Linda Hyre, 519 N Maple St. Councilor Boyd & Councilor Nunez have both been in the neighborhood as well as Mayor McCoy, the lighting is the same here as it is elsewhere here in town. They are going to recommend she contact the neighborhood watch program for further assistance. City & Council are not going to take any action on this matter.

### **Reports:**

**Fountain Park Cemetery** Jim Nunez, Jr. presented the Fountain Park Cemetery minutes from the 1-14-2020 meeting and gave updates on the Cemetery.

**Blight Committee** Leesa Friend-Teale stated the committee has not met yet. She needs to meet or discuss with Joe Sheets, Ordinance Officer what properties need to be addressed. Scot Enghaus, Jason Allen, Joe Sheets, and John Boyd will be members of the Blight Committee. \$100,000 will come from EDIT, for blight and sidewalks. Motion carried 5-0.

**Park Board** Terry Alfrey passed out minutes from the last meeting. Leesa spoke up asking if the Beeson clubhouse could be used as a community center type setting. Usage as a community center will be discussed further in the future.

**Concert Series** Terry Alfrey stated that they have 6 major opening acts currently scheduled. Mayor McCoy asked that when everything was finalized he be notified so the City website could be updated.

**Neighborhood Watch** Kate Thornburg gave the report stating the next meeting will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Council Chambers at 7 pm. With Spring coming they are hoping to be able to get things moving again.

## **New Business**

**Trash Ordinance-** White River Fire Dept is moving to their new location very soon, the City currently picks up trash for them and their new location is right on a trash route, so the city will continue to do so. Motion carried 5-0,

**Firearms 2020-2** After much discussion it was tabled 5-0.

**Animal Shelter-**Joe Sheets, Animal Control Officer gave a detailed update on the shelter. Michelle Kaiser also gave an update on the 501c3- Friends of the Pound, Inc. Jon Reed, Police Chief also spoke in regards to this being a no kill shelter which can make our cost higher and the fact that other cities have taken some of our dogs to assist us. Councilor Nunez requested monthly reports be given by the Shelter.

**The Wall that Heals-** Mike Kennedy, Veterans Services Officer stated the Wall is coming back and it will be different than 5 years ago. They are still in need of sponsorship, donations and volunteers for set up and tear down. It will be in Winchester June 4-7.

**HWC-** Brian Pohlar, City Engineer, awarded the 2019-2 bid to DC Construction Services, they had the lowest bid. 3 bids were received. Motion carried 5-0.

**HWC Park Manhole-** Brian Pohlar, City Engineer, discussed that a manhole in Goodrich park is eroding away and must be repaired after the water flow is redirected to the original flow pattern. Total costs are unknown at this time. Further discussion and decisions will be made at a later date, tonight's discussion was to inform council of the matter. Multiple funding possibilities were mentioned. Mayor McCoy will review possible funding options.

**Beeson Clubhouse Generator-**Shean Bosworth, Park Superintendent presented an estimate on repairs to the generator. After much discussion it was moved to do repairs and get a maintenance plan on the generator. Motion carried 4-1. Councilor Friend-Teale voted against.

**Brush Grinder-** Shean Bosworth, Park Superintendent asked for approval to use the same Brush Grinder/Mulch company that they have used in the past. Motion carried 5-0.

**Surplus Equipment 2020-3** was tabled. Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney will email a list of surplus equipment that department heads have advised him are no longer needed to the council members. Tabled until next meeting.

Council Members need to sign Uniform Conflict of Interest forms annually. This Carried 5-0.

Mayor McCoy stated that items to be added to the Council Agenda must be received by his office or the Clerk-Treasurers office by Wednesday noon of the week before the council meeting.

No Meeting will be held on February 3, 2020. The next Council meeting will Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Accounts Payable are needed in the Clerk-Treasurers office by noon of the Monday, one week before council meetings. It was approved to pay all claims by Council 5-0.

Bank Reconciliations carried 5-0.

Council Members are to use their city provided email addresses for council business.

**Meeting was then opened up for Citizen Concerns:** Records request was noted by Kris Bilbrey. Kris Bilbrey asked if the VOA December or June reports were received. Mayor McCoy is checking into this. Kris Bilbrey also requested the Public Concerns be addressed earlier in the Council meetings instead of the end. He also noted that the agenda and revision were posted too late in the day for the public to review prior to the meeting.

There were no other Citizen concerns or comments.

Councilor Nunez stated he appreciates the public attendance and the fact that they voice their perspective. That keeps us (the Council) informed.

### **Adjournment**

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.