

CITY OF WINCHESTER  
COMMON COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 02, 2020

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

Pledge - Leesa Friend/Teale  
Moment of Silence - Leesa Friend/Teale

Leesa Friend/Teale called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer, Kerry Sayre recorded the minutes.

The Clerk's roll call showed that five City Council Members were present.

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

Additional Officials Present:

Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney; Dwayne Wiggans, Fire Chief;

Citizens Present:

Ceann Bales, REDC; Michelle Kaiser, Jason Allen, Michael Carey, Joe Sheets, Anthony Harless, Lynn Humphry

Media Present:

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

*Old Business*

Animal Shelter

Joe Sheets, Animal Control and Ordinance Officer, presented the council with the quotes that he got for the electric, door, and bathroom out at the animal shelter. The electrical quote is for materials only because the electrician is willing to donate his time to the animal shelter. Councilor Friend asked for an estimation of how long it might take to get it rewired, and Michael Carey, the electrician who is donating his time, responded by saying that it will probably take

about a month. Joe provided the council with the 2 quotes that he received for the overhead door and the back door. The first quote was from Overhead Doors out of Muncie in the amount of four thousand six hundred twenty dollars and zero cents (\$4,620.00). The second quote was from Scotts Doors in the amount of four thousand two hundred seventy dollars and zero cents (\$4,270.00). Joe also provided the council with a quote from Briggs and Drew Croyle for the work that needs done in the bathroom. Joe asked Mr. Drew Croyle what his timeframe would be, if his quote that he put in were to be accepted; Mr. Drew's response was within the next 3 weeks he could start the project and it would take about 3-5 days.

Councilor Boyd motioned to have the quotes awarded to Drew Croyle in the amount of \$6,940.00 for the bathroom, Scott Door Services in the amount of \$4,270.00 for the overhead door work, and Noble Electrical Services for materials only with labor being donated for \$1,363.05. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Also, Joe Sheets has requested that his part-time help out at the animal shelter, Michelle Kaiser, be moved to a full-time position. Mayor McCoy stated that there is \$8,000.00 available in the L.O.I.T fund that would allow for Mrs. Michelle Kaiser to go full-time.

Councilor Boyd motioned that Michelle Kaiser be hired full-time out at the animal shelter with an appropriation of \$8,000.00 to be made in the L.O.I.T fund for her salary and that Mrs. Kaiser has forfeited insurance coverage. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Friend asked Joe Sheets when Mrs. Kaiser's full-time position will go into effect, and he stated that tomorrow (March 03, 2020) will be her full-time effective date.

#### E.D.I.T Plan for Randolph County Economic Development Commission

Ceann Bales, who is the head of the Randolph County Economic Development Commission (REDC), stated that she has been doing a lot of research on Rural development, and that she is just here to share some of the ideas of how they are going to economically develop Randolph County. Missy Williams stated that there are fourteen (14) total empty buildings, with ten (10) being on the square, that could be used for businesses. Ceanna stated that 70% of employed citizens work for small businesses, so we are at an advantage in our community. Rural community businesses are able to focus on community identity, community involvement, and community health. Essentially community health refers to the trickle effect that a business downtown would have. Meaning, that because all of these businesses would be within walking distance of each other, then people are more than likely going to go into more than one business when they do their shopping or looking around. Also, economic development is going to help the City's tax base. Councilor Sells asked that a member of the REDC attend a City council meeting quarterly, so we can discuss what is going on in Randolph County in a public forum.

#### Citizens Concerns

Missy Williams stated that the WCCPC just donated \$1,000.00 to the concerts in the park series.

There being no other citizen concerns/statements, the floor was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was motioned for adjournment by Councilor Friend. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Therefore, the March 03, 2020 Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Mayor, Bob McCoy

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk-Treasurer, Kerry Sayre