

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Strode
INVOCATION - Mayor Burtner

PRESIDING:

Mayor Edallen York Burtner

PRESENT:

Commissioner Ramsey Flynn
Commissioner JoEllen Reed
Commissioner Kitty Strode
Commissioner Shannon Cox

City Manager Matt Belcher, City Attorney William A. Dykeman, and City Clerk Joy Curtis were present.

Upon determining that a quorum was present for the transaction of business, Mayor Burtner called the January 7, 2020 special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Burtner welcomed Mr. Jeff Sebesta to the meeting as an observer.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the minutes of the December 17, 2019 special (4:30 pm) and regular (5:30 p.m.) meetings were approved as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY REPORTS

- A. Winchester Municipal Utilities Commission Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2019
- B. Winchester Municipal Utilities Commission minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting
- C. Winchester Municipal Utilities Commissioner's Financial and Budget Summary - November 2019
- D. Winchester Municipal Utilities Commission Accounts Payable - Transactions for the Period December 2 through 13, 2019
- E. Winchester/Clark County Industrial Development Authority minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting
- F. Winchester/Clark County Industrial Development Authority Internal Financial Report for period ending October 31, 2019 and November 30, 2019
- G. Winchester Licensing Board minutes from the September 16, October 7, and November 18, 2019 meeting
- H. Winchester Police Department 2019 End of Year Report/2020 Goals

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, the Departmental and Agency Reports were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Correspondence from Charter Communications locally know as Spectrum regarding channel lineup changes effective December 30, 2019

PRESENTATION

Tourism Update

Ms. Nancy Turner, Tourism Director, updated the Commission on activities in the last year and those beginning in 2020.

Mayor Burtner congratulated Ms. Turner on her election to the Kentucky Association of Convention & Visitors' Bureaus.

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Ms. Turner reported that tourism is the third largest industry in the state and is part of economic development. The Tourism Commission has a new brochure, new website, and new logo. She noted she was waiting on the figures for December's numbers on lodging. Ms. Turner noted she gets weekly reports from Smith Travel Reports and noted the average for hotel occupancy is 55%, average daily rate is 84% and the Rooms Revenue over Rooms Available Report is 47%, which is what a hotel makes from the room. The best months of the year for occupancy is April and October due to Keeneland. Ms. Turner noted that Tourism is solely funded through the 3% transient room tax.

Ms. Turner noted there are three items Winchester is known for - Ale 8, Beer Cheese, and Hemp. She spoke to Ms. Elmore at Ale 8 to possibly hold a cycling event. She stated the first Hemp Festival went really well and a lot of people were really interested in the hemp process. She also noted the Beer Cheese Festival and the Beer Cheese Trail which has been a real success with people from all over the country - 32 states.

Economic Development

Mr. Todd Denham updated the Board on the economic development of the community. He noted 2019 was the slowest year for new industry for economic development. He stated 75% of manufacturing comes from already established industries.

He reported Infiltrator is in the process of constructing Building 7 and will be hiring, workers to make \$26.50 per hour, and they will start on Building 8. This will create about 170 jobs and Infiltrator has about 140 acres of land.

He also noted the following:

- Catalent was expanding.
- Danimer held their grand opening in December 2019 and they will be tackling biodegradable plastics. They have Phase I here and are looking at Phase II and Phase III being here in Winchester.
- Walle Corporation changed hands and the new owners are Fort Deerborn.
- Dana Brake Parts shut down and moved operations to their main plant in Georgia.
- The Osram Sylvania building was sold.
- Leggett & Platt had completed some internal expansion with new equipment.
- The Area Technology Center and BCTC were participating in the One to One Program and more students are getting involved.
- Wage & Benefit Survey is in process and will be released three months after its completion.
- Retail business is a challenge and if a company is interested in the community he noted they are taken around to all areas of the community to view land available as with industries.

Mr. Denham noted there were several changes in the Economic Development Cabinet at the State level.

Mayor Burtner thanked Ms. Turner and Mr. Denham for their updates.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned to closed session to discuss the following:

XX PERSONNEL MATTERS KRS CHAPTER 61.810 (f)

Mayor Burtner called the meeting back into open session.

With no further business, on motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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