

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Cox
INVOCATION - Mayor Burtner

PRESIDING:

Mayor Edallen York Burtner

PRESENT:

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

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 March 3, 2020 regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Close East Broadway to Church Alley May 29, 2020

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved the request to close Broadway at Church Alley for a Street Market and Concert.

Request for Out-of-State Travel for Police Chief Palmer

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, the request for out-of-state travel for Chief Palmer to attend training in Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 11-15, 2020 for Police Sketch Artist Certification was approved.

Request for Out-of-State Travel Firefighter Brian Hart

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, the request for out-of-state travel for Firefighter Hart to attend a FEMA sponsored class in Colorado from March 15-21, 2020 for Haz-Mat Incidents Training was approved.

ORDINANCES (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY CERTAIN LAND IN CLARK COUNTY, KENTUCKY IDENTIFIED AS ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CLARK COUNTY, KENTUCKY, BEING

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6.421 ACRES, SITUATED ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this ordinance passed first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-86 "AMENDING SUBSECTIONS I (5) (b) AND I (5) (c) OF SECTION 9-57 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY AND RELATING TO LICENSE FEES FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES"

On motion by Mayor Burtner, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this ordinance passed first reading.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CHANGE OF ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.744 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 1316 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE, WINCHESTER, CLARK COUNTY, KENTUCKY FROM ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) TO A CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-4)

Mr. Charles Witt, 25 Lynnway Drive spoke against the zone change from Planned Development (PD) to General Business District (B-4).

On motion by Mayor Burtner, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this ordinance passed first reading.

Mr. Craig Bridgewater, Bridgewater Real Estate was present on behalf of the Glenn Thornberry Estate and Jerry Thornberry.

ORDERS (General)

AN ORDER APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY PALMER ENGINEERING FOR THE SEVENTH STREET ALTERNATE TRUCK ROUTE RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANS AND RAILROAD PRE-PERMITTING

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-43

PERSONNEL ORDERS (First Reading)

AN ORDER AMENDING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR (Finance Dept.) (Personnel and Pay Classification Plan)

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On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order passed first reading.

PERSONNEL ORDERS (General)

AN ORDER PROMOTING ASHLEY REED FROM COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER I TO COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-44.

AN ORDER PROMOTING KIMBERLY LAVELLE FROM COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER I TO COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-45.

Captain Briscoe, Ashley Reed, and Kimberly Lavelle were present.

AN ORDER GRANTING EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE SALARY INCREASES TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL (Communications)

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-46.

AN ORDER GRANTING EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE SALARY INCREASES TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL (Police Department)

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-47.

AN ORDER GRANTING EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE SALARY INCREASES TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL (Fire Department)

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-48.

AN ORDER GRANTING EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE SALARY INCREASES TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL (Public Works)

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, the order was adopted. Order No. 2020-49.

AN ORDER GRANTING LONGEVITY SALARY INCREASES TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-50.

AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING KELLY SMITH FROM FIREFIGHTER I/PARAMEDIC TO FIREFIGHTER II/PARAMEDIC

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-51.

AN ORDER PROMOTING JACOB ALLEN FROM FIREFIGHTER III/PARAMEDIC TO EMS OFFICER (LT.)

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-52.

Lt. Allen’s family was present - Julia, Piper, Calvin, and Maggie Allen.

Mayor recognized James and Mary Wells, Lt. Allen’s parents-in-law.

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF RACHEL ALEXANDER, MAIN STREET DIRECTOR

On motion by Commissioner Strode with regret, seconded by Mayor Burtner, also with regret, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-53.

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF GREG HARRISON, FFII/EMT

On motion by Commissioner Strode, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2020-54.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MAYOR, CITY COMMISSIONERS, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY MANAGER

Commissioner Strode:

- Commended Ms. Rachel Alexander, Main Street Director for her work during her tenure and noted the City would miss her. She noted Ms. Alexander had brought in awards for the City.
- Rock the Block will start on the third Friday starting in May, except for the Friday before Beer Cheese Festival which will be the Friday night before Beer Cheese.
- Commended Engineering Tech Daron Stephens for his work with regard to the new installed Welcome to Winchester sign on 627.

Commissioner Cox:

- Stated he had not seen the job posting of the Finance Director position on the website.
- Noted the Regional Basketball Tournament will be at George Rogers Clark High School.

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- Noted he had been reappointed to the Task Ford on Youth Education & Families with the National League of Cities.
- Noted the passing of Michael Rowady, who served as Police Judge, City Attorney, City Prosecutor, Master Commissioner, and unofficial Winchester historian. A great loss to the community.

Commissioner Reed:

- Stated she was proud of the way the Welcome to Winchester turned out on KY 627.
- Noted the Public Works Department had a heathy discussion regarding Buffalo Trace and Royal Oaks projects. She commended Daron for preparing the agenda for those meetings and keeping the committee on track.
- Noted when she had her mother at the doctor’s office for removal of stitches after a recent fall, the doctor warned her that with all the viruses out there, to thoroughly wash your hands and stay safe.

Mayor Burtner:

- Noted the death of Michael Rowady and stated he would be missed by the community as a whole. He was a unique character.
- Chamber Breakfast at the Winchester Police Department from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning.
- Fire Recruit Class graduation on Friday at 6:00 p.m. at Ecton Station.
- Noted the City/County had discussions on the Parks & Recreation’s Rules & Regulations Ordinance to review the ordinance.

Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Strode volunteered to serve on this committee.

Commissioner Flynn:

- Inquired where the EMS Committee was regarding the transfers.

Mayor Burtner stated after the February 25th meeting, there was a motion to put the matter out for an RFP to see if any entity was interested in non-emergency transfers. He noted this had been communicated to Bob Casher with the Bluegrass Area Development District with Mr. Casher being present at the meeting.

Commissioner Cox made the motion to dissolve the Joint EMS Committee. Motion died for lack of a second.

City Manager Belcher:

- Stated Col. Jerry Cecil (Ret.) has been working on a project to list all historic schools and install signage near the locations of these schools. He noted the signs would be paid for by the School Board but a Memorandum of Understanding would come before the City Commission and Fiscal Court to request to install these signs.

City Attorney Dykeman:

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- Noted the passing of Michael Rowady. He stated Mr. Rowady had sponsored his initiation to the United States Supreme Court. Noted he worked with Mr. Rowady for years.

ADJOURN

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

Edallen York Burtner, Mayor

Joy Curtis, City Clerk