

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Flynn  
INVOCATION - Roy Hudson**

**PRESIDING:**

Mayor Edallen York Burtner

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Ramsey Flynn  
Commissioner JoEllen Reed  
Commissioner Shannon Cox  
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 July 16, 2019 regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

**COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**PRESENTATION**

**African American Heritage Trail Proposal**

Mr. Harry Enoch, a member of the Winchester Black Heritage Committee, spoke on the proposed African American Heritage Trail for Winchester. He noted one of the goals of the Committee is to educate the community of the history of the African American community.

He reported there were two areas on West Washington Street designated for two signs that was City property would be one commemorating the (7) Post-Civil War Community and at Washington and First Street and the second one located at West Washington Street at Heritage Park commemorating (1) African American Business District.

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, the motion to install signage on City property was approved.

Commissioner Kitty Strode commended the Committee on their commitment to commemorate the African Americans in Winchester.

Committee members present were James Robinson, Don Hampton, Jane Burnam, and Brenda Smith.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FY 2020 Paving Program Cost Estimates**

The memorandum from Public Works Department Supervisor Pat Clark on the estimates for the FY 2020 Paving Program was reviewed along with the July 16<sup>th</sup> memorandum for potential alley paving cost estimates.

It was the consensus of the Board to take no action at this time but to bring it back for a vote at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Two-Way Traffic for Unnamed Alley**

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At the July 2, 2019 Commission meeting, the Board considered a request to make an unnamed alley that runs from Wheeler Avenue to South Burns Avenue, south of the College Park Gymnasium, into a two-way alley.

Mayor Burtner noted correspondence had been sent to property owners in the area of this alley asking for their input.

Mr. Thomas Shaver, 340 South Burns Avenue stated he was in favor of changing the alley to a two-way alley. Mr. Shaver asked if the alley had to be changed, he requested the Board consider changing the alley to one-way from South Burns (east) to Wheeler Avenue (west).

Mr. Thomas Towles, 37 Wheeler Avenue stated he was opposed to the alley being made two-way as it is a very narrow alley and if made two-way, motorists would be getting into yards if two vehicles met in the alley.

Mr. Gardner Wagers, 408 Boone Avenue, spoke on making the alley two-way. He noted he had a rental property at 63 Wheeler Avenue.

City Manager Belcher noted he had two residents call in regarding this issue. Mrs. Rupard, 29 Beckner Street and Mr. Harp, 21 Beckner Street had no objections to making the alley a two-way alley.

Cindy Manning, 40 Wheeler Avenue noted the alley is right in front of her house and would like to see it remain the same. If the City is going to change alley to two way, she would request the alley be the one on the north side of the gym.

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved making the alley on the south side of College Park Gym one-way from the direction South Burns Avenue (east) to Wheeler Avenue (west), with the change taking place after the Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival.

**Street Closing at West Washington**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved the request from the First Baptist Church to have West Washington Street closed on July 20<sup>th</sup> for their make-up movie night.

**Contract for Sphar Building Project**

Jon Rollins with GRW spoke regarding the new proposal and contract in the amount not to exceed \$48,000 for additional design services for a scaled down version of the Sphar Seed Building and the new contract. He reported they would be finished with the plans and send up to the Transportation Cabinet for review which could take a month. Then after it has been approved, the bids can be sent out.

He noted the main building fronting Main Street and Depot Street will be the third of the building that will be saved and used as a Welcome Center. The east portion and north portion of the building will be demolished, with the possibility of leaving a portion of the north part of the building as a wall/railing.

City Manager Belcher noted the City still had the Greater Clark Foundation match and the City's match. We may get reimbursed from TEA funds for the costs already spent, about \$67,000.

On motion by Commissioner Strode, seconded by Commissioner Reed and with a 3-2 vote, Mayor Burtner and Commissioner Cox voting no, the motion passed to move forward with additional design services in order to bid the Sphar Seed Building Project for a third and final time.

Commissioner Strode noted she had been on the committee to get this project off the ground and commended those who have worked on this project. She commended the State for their diligent work regarding this project.

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY HONORING VETERANS OF OUR GREAT COMMONWEALTH AND SUPPORT THE KENTUCKY VETERANS HALL OF FAME**

On motion by Mayor Burtner, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this resolution was adopted with the addendum this sign would state “in honor of Purple Heart Veterans”. Resolution No. R2019-5.

**ORDINANCES ( First Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6-2019 WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY FY 2020 BUDGET**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with a 3-2 vote, Mayor Burtner and Commissioner Cox voting no, this ordinance passed first reading.

Commissioner Reed noted the amendment was to hire Fire/EMS to help handle ambulance runs so the City doesn’t have to break down fire trucks to handle ambulances.

Mayor Burtner noted he had a discussion with Judge Executive Pace regarding this matter and thinks more discussion is needed between City and County officials.

Commissioner Flynn noted not only does the EMS perform transfers, EMS takes residents to doctors’ appointments, dialysis, and serve the terminally ill, and disabled residents.

Commissioner Cox noted his concern with making changes to the budget without having a face-to-face discussion with the County.

County Magistrate Kontantoupolos voiced his concerns with regard to the budget amendment to the City’s ordinance. He is concerned there hasn’t been enough discussion with regard to the Fire/EMS department with the county. He recommended having a County/City conversation regarding the whole issue with regard to this issue.

**ORDER (General)**

**AN ORDER ENTERING INTO A PERPETUAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY AND WILLIAM W. REESE FOR MAINTENANCE OF CITY PROPERTY**

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-121.

Mr. William Reese was present.

Commissioner Cox had a previous engagement and was excused.

**PERSONNEL ORDERS (General)**

**AN ORDER TRANSFERRING MATTHEW VANHAUTER FROM FIREFIGHTER I/PARAMEDIC TO SINGLE ROLE PARAMEDIC (Fire/EMS Department)**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-122.

**AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SABRINA GRIFFETT, SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-123.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING JOHN QUESINBERRY FROM FIREFIGHTER I/EMT TO FIREFIGHTER II/EMT**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-124.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING JOHN QUESINBERRY FROM FIREFIGHTER II/EMT TO FIREFIGHTER III/EMT**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-125.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING CODY EPPERSON FROM FIREFIGHTER I/EMT TO FIREFIGHTER II/EMT**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-126.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING CODY EPPERSON FROM FIREFIGHTER II/EMT TO FIREFIGHTER III/EMT**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-127.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING DALLAS GROSS FROM FIREFIGHTER I/EMT TO FIREFIGHTER II/EMT**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-128.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING DALLAS GROSS FROM FIREFIGHTER II/EMT TO FIREFIGHTER III/EMT**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-129.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING STEVEN BELLOT FROM FIREFIGHTER I/PRM TO FIREFIGHTER II/PRM**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-130.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING STEVEN BELLOT FROM FIREFIGHTER II/PRM TO FIREFIGHTER III/PRM**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-131.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING ASHA NANDA FROM FIREFIGHTER I/EMT TO FIREFIGHTER II/EMT**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-132.

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On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-133.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING LEIGHTON MCNABB FROM POLICE OFFICER III TO POLICE OFFICER II**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-134.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING BLAKE GABBARD FROM POLICE OFFICER III TO POLICE OFFICER II**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-135.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING TREVOR BLOOM FROM POLICE OFFICER III TO POLICE OFFICER II**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-136.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING KELLY WEBSTER FROM POLICE OFFICER II TO POLICE OFFICER I**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted Order No. 2019-137.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING MATTHEW STURGILL FROM POLICE OFFICER II TO POLICE OFFICER I**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-138.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING JON BEST FROM POLICE OFFICER II TO POLICE OFFICER I**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-139.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING TINA PENDLETON FROM COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER II TO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER I (Communications)**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-140.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING JEROMY BURKHART FROM COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER II TO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER I (Communications)**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-141.

**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. 2019-142.

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On motion by Commissioner Strode, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-143.

**AN ORDER EMPLOYING KARA PUCKETT TO FILL THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I**

On motion by Commissioner Strode, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-144.

**AN ORDER EMPLOYING ADAM WILSON TO FILL THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER III**

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-145.

**AN ORDER EMPLOYING JANSEN THOMAS TO FILL THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER III**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-146.

**AN ORDER EMPLOYING MESHA DANIEL TO FILL THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER III**

On motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-147.

**AN ORDER RECLASSIFYING CHAD WELLS FROM GRADE 25 TO GRADE 26**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2019-148.

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

Commissioner Strode:

- Pioneer Festival Committee will meet on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Rock the Block will be this Friday with a car show, music, and children's activities
- The Farm to Table Event on Depot Street is July 20<sup>th</sup> and all 200 tickets were purchased.

Commissioner Reed:

- Questioned why fireworks were sold for a 10-day period for only a one day event. She stated she had an email from a resident regarding the fireworks and having to medicate her dogs.

Commissioner Flynn:

- Noted the Clark County/Winchester Heritage Commission will be holding a picnic in October. More information would be available at a later date.
- BCTC will hold their Summer Movie event on July 26<sup>th</sup> and that is the same date of the Readifest for the children of the community before school starts.

City Manager Belcher:

- Noted there was a sinkhole in the street on South Highland. There are barriers up to protect the motoring public.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Edallen York Burtner, Mayor

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Joy Curtis, City Clerk