

**WINCHESTER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING HELD
JANUARY 17, 2023 4:30 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner St rode

**INVOCATION - Rev. Michael S. Smith, Franklin Avenue Church of the Living
God**

PRESIDING :

Mayor JoEllen Reed

PRESENT:

Commissioner Kenny Book
Commissioner Shannon Cox
Commissioner Kitty Strode
Commissioner Hannah Toole

City Manager Mike Flynn, City Attorney William A. Dykeman, HR/RM Tammy Shelton, Deputy City Clerk Dianna Layne, and the City Clerk were present.

Upon determining that a quorum was present for the transaction of business, Mayor Reed called the January 17, 2023 special meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Toole, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, the minutes from the January 3, 2023 Regular (5:30 pm) meeting were approved as presented.

DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY REPORTS

- A. EMA/CSEPP minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting
- B. Monthly Memo from Fire Chief Chris Whiteley from December 9, 2022 to January 10, 2023
- C. Monday Morning Memo for the Weeks of December 26, 2022 and January 2, 2023 from W/CC Industrial Development Authority Director Brad Sowden

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. City of Winchester, Kentucky EMS Reconciliation for Fiscal Year 2022
- B. Information from Columbia Gas, a NiSource Company, regarding continuing neighborhood work in the North Maple Street area
- C. Correspondence from Morgain Patterson, Director of Municipal Law, Kentucky League of Cities regarding the use of opioid settlement monies

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- D. Correspondence from Engineering Tech Daron Stephens regarding the Croxton Way Street Acceptance
- E. Winchester/Clark County Transit Monthly Ridership Trends and Report July to December 2022

WORK SESSION

**Request to Close Depot Street and Main Street
from Washington Street to Lexington Avenue
the Weekend of April 28-30, 2023**

Mr. Robbie Fountain spoke on the request he made for a car show on the weekend of April 28-30, 2023 on Main Street. He stated this event will raise money for Cystic Fibrosis.

Mr. Donald Holder, 186 Ryans Mill Road stated they had been to every business on Main Street regarding this event. He noted that those at the car show could also take advantage of the stores and restaurants downtown.

Commissioner Strode stated she had spoken with Mr. Fountain and suggested to him that they could have music around the courthouse on Saturday night.

Mayor Reed recommended the car show not be on Main Street on Friday night as the stores and restaurants are still open. She also recommended starting on Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. for the benefit of those serving breakfast.

Mr. Robert Pritchett, Bargains on Broadway, 26 East Broadway stated he had not been contacted with regard to this event.

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Book, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved:

- Closing Depot Street on Friday, April 28th for the start of the car show.
- Closing Main Street on Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 a.m. for vendors to set up.
- Closing Main Street Sunday at the time requested.
- Leave streets open during the night and close the Courthouse Square on Saturday night for the car show and music.

**Update on the Eugene Gay Splash Park
Brian Ward, Palmer Engineering
Jeff Lewis, Parks Director**

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Mr. Brian Ward, Palmer Engineering, updated the Commission on the Splash Park. He stated there was a waterline running through the property and will define the northern limits of the splash park. He stated they are ready to bid out and should have the bids in hand by the end of February to start the building of the splash park and have it winterized in the fall of 2023. He reported the prefabricated building with bathrooms should be installed in 2024.

Mr. Jeff Lewis, Director of W/CC Parks & Recreation stated they would schedule a ceremonial groundbreaking and start fundraising. He stated the splash park would be 10,800 square feet. He reported there would be an ornamental fence at the front and sides of the park and a chain link fence at the back of the park. Mr. Lewis reported that dogs would not be allowed at the time of the splash park opening.

Mayor Reed inquired if the building would have changing rooms and lockers and Mr. Lewis reported citizens would have to change in the restrooms.

ADJOURN TO CL OSED SESSION

On motion by Commissioner Book, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss the following:

- XX POTENTIAL LITIGATION KRS CHAPTER 61.810 (c)
- XX PERSONNEL MATTERS KRS CHAPTER 61.810 (f)

CALL MEETING BACK INTO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Reed called the meeting back into open session.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

JoEllen Reed, Mayor

Joy L. Curtis, City Clerk