

**WINCHESTER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
JUNE 21, 2022 6:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Reed**

**INVOCATION - City Manager Flynn**

**PRESIDING:**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Edallen York Burtner

Commissioner JoEllen Reed  
Commissioner Joe Chenault  
Commissioner Shannon Cox  
Commissioner Kitty Strode

City Manager Mike Flynn, City Attorney William A. Dykeman, Deputy City Clerk Dianna Layne, and the City Clerk were present.

Upon determining that a quorum was present for the transaction of business, Mayor Burtner called the June 21, 2022 special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

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

Mr. Brett Chevront, 532 South Maple Street, spoke regarding the Pride flags that were installed by business/building owners on Main Street. He stated he was glad of the Pride flags that were put up, but sad with the controversy that arose. He stated they weren't taking place of any other flags, but were there for Pride Month.

Mayor Burtner stated when the Pride flags went up, he had conversed with the City Attorney who stated it was considered freedom of speech. He noted when the Boy Scouts were downtown to put the American flags up for Flag Day, they were concerned about taking the Pride flags down so did not proceed. He stated the American Flags are usually installed for Flag Day and left up through Independence Day.

Mr. Mason Rhodus, 70 South Main Street, spoke regarding the Pride flags on Main Street. He stated he had been the brunt of the controversy of the flags being installed. He noted the business/building owners were the ones that put the Pride flags up on their buildings. He stated he questioned why the American flags were not installed for the Beer Cheese Festival.

Mr. Robert Pritchett spoke regarding the flags on Main Street and stated he'd like to have a bracket installed on his building and have an American flag installed for holidays.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Municipal Road Aid Program**

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**LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE  
FY2023 BUDGET HEARING**

A public hearing will be held by the City of Winchester, Kentucky at City Hall on June 21, 2022 at or after 6:00 p.m. (during the special meeting of the City Commission) for the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments from citizens regarding possible use of Municipal Road Aid funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

	<u>Municipal Road Aid Fund FY2023</u>
Estimated Balance Carried Forward	497,591.98
Anticipated Receipts	375,000.00
Anticipated Miscellaneous Income	0
Anticipated Interest Income	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Resources Available for Appropriation	875,591.98

Public Inspection: The City’s proposed uses of Municipal Road Aid funds are available for public inspection at City Hall in the City Manager’s Office during regular business hours.

All interested persons and organizations in Winchester, Kentucky are invited to the public hearing to submit oral or written comments on the proposed uses of the Municipal Road Aid funds.

Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing, but wish to submit comments, should call the City Manager, 859-744-2821, so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

**CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY  
MUNICIPAL ROAD AID PROGRAM  
FY2023 BUDGET HEARING**

For the year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

Resources Available

Estimated Fund Balance Carried Forward from FY2022	497,591.98
Anticipated Road Funds from State for FY2023	375,000.00
Anticipated Road Bond Funds (JL04 Bond) for FY2023	0
Anticipated Receipts from Other Income for FY2023	0
Anticipated Interest Income for FY2023	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Available for Appropriation	875,591.98

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Proposed Projects for FY2023

Paving	510,000.00
Pavement Repair	35,000.00
Advertising	400.00
Construction Materials	40,000.00
Salt	100,000.00
Special Projects	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,000.00
Traffic Signs and Paint	30,000.00
Engineering Services	<u>0.00</u>
Total Appropriations for Proposed Projects	<u>718,400.00</u>
Balance Available from Fiscal Year 2023	157,191.98

Those present for the public hearing:

- Joy Curtis, 134 Cabin Creek Hts.
- Kitty Strode, 17 Windridge Drive
- Shannon Cox, 111 Ashland Avenue
- Ed Burtner, 103 Churchill Drive
- JoEllen Reed, 602 South Maple Street
- Joe Chenault, 151 West Broadway
- Chad Walker, 9 West Lexington Avenue
- Jennifer Wilson, 16 West Lexington Avenue
- Lara Thornbury, 5513 Colby Road
- Perry Williams, 301 Winterberry Drive
- Selina Willmas, 301 Winterberry Drive
- Will Mayer, 2490 Van Meter Road
- Susie Shearer, 6600 Muddy Creek Road
- Jeffery Hale, 70 South Main Street
- Mason Rhodus, 70 South Main Street
- Ronald Conboy, 317 College Street
- Greg Yates, 613 Sydney Court
- Travis Thompson, 16 South Maple Street
- Dianna Layne, 5260 Bybee Road
- Rachael Boyd, 17 Short Street
- Michael Boyd, 17 Short Street
- Ricardo Betancur, 16 North Main Street

- Charlotte Jones, 2 South Main Street
- Savannah Wheat, 10 North Main Street
- Robert Pritchett, 18 Village Drive
- Sheila McCord, 4258 Lexington Road
- Patrick Clark, 2450 Miller Hunt Road
- Daron Stephens, 1303 Town Branch Road
- Anna Lowes, 420 South Maple Street
- Adam Kidd, 5 Cleveland Avenue

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- Betty Jane Glasscock, 218 Al Fan Court
- Laura Freeman, 3043 Schollsville Road
- Katie Ledford, 21 South Main Street
- Dottie Flora, 331 Primrose
- Thom Schoolmaster, 108 South Burns Avenue
- JuaNita Everman, 37 South Main Street
- Gerald Tackett, 20 Willow Drive
- Sherry Richardson, 27 North Main Street
- Michael Flynn, 20 Churchill Drive
- Bill Dykeman, 31 West Hickman Street
- Brett Chevront, 532 South Maple Street

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Main Street Winchester  
A New Direction**

Mr. Chad Walker noted the problems with regard to the Main Street Winchester Board and the request to make Main Street Winchester a 501(c)(3) entity. He stated he'd sent notices of the meeting to the downtown businesses about this meeting.

He stated the downtown businesses want to create a non-profit entity to have 100% of the Main Street funds turned over to the new entity to be deposited in a separate bank account to go to downtown businesses and buildings, and to set up a board without the overreaching bureaucracy and inefficiencies that befall the program.

He noted there were about 24 Main Street programs that were 501(c)(3)'s in the State, with only a few being not non-profit, Winchester being one entity.

City Attorney Dykeman stated he had a conversation with the City's Auditors, which noted if the entity receives funding from the City, they would have to be audited and the City would have to receive financial information to make sure the funds are spent appropriately.

Mr. Robert Pritchett stated he had received no information with regard to the meeting regarding Main Street. He stated he would not have known about this proposal if Commissioner Reed had not given him a copy of the proposal.

Mr. Thom Schoolmaster spoke regarding the Downtown Business Association and stated there needed to be better communication between downtown businesses and the community.

Mr. Ronald Conboy, 317 College Street, stated he is on the Promotions Committee which was at one time part of the Downtown Business Guild, but it has since morphed into a committee on the Main Street Winchester Board. He stated the Promotions Committee and businesses downtown get little support from Main Street Winchester.

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Mr. Adam Kidd, 5 Cleveland Avenue, stated he was interested in the Main Street Program being brought into the non-profit entity. He stated he'd brought into the downtown community about \$3,000,000.

Commissioner Cox noted the Main Street Winchester Program had not been working for a while and it is time to go in a different direction.

Commissioner Reed stated she would like to see Police personnel visit businesses downtown to check in once or twice a quarter to see how their businesses are going or if they had any issues. She stated she had no problem with leaving the Kentucky Main Street Program. She reminded the Board that if this was agreed upon, she had suggested a five-year contract instead of the 10-year contract recommended by the proposal.

Commissioner Strode noted she'd been on the Main Street Board since the inception and it was time to change. She stated she was interested in the proposal.

Commissioner Chenault stated there was time for change and to update the program. He noted he would start working on visiting the downtown businesses to get to know them.

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved Commissioner Cox's recommendation to establish a working group with local businesses and two City Commissioners (on a rotating basis if one cannot attend), charged to find a solution to problems with Main Street. The two commissioners recommended were Commissioners Reed and Strode.

**ADJOURN**

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