

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Cox

INVOCATION - City Manager Flynn

PRESIDING:

Mayor Edallen York Burtner

PRESENT:

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

City Manager Mike Flynn, Finance Director Michelle Lucas, Deputy City Clerk Dianna Layne, Human Resources Director Tammy Shelton, City Attorney William A Dykeman, and the City Clerk were present.

Upon determining that a quorum was present for the transaction of business, Mayor Burtner called the April 19, 2022 regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

RECOGNITION

The Board of Commissioners presented Ms. Virginia Lois Thomas with a City of Winchester Service Award:

“The Winchester Board of Commissioners takes pleasure in commending Virginia Lois Thomas. This Service to the City award is given to those who distinguish themselves through outstanding achievement, selfless sacrifice and humble service to the citizens of Winchester, Kentucky. We gratefully commend Ms. Virginia Lois Thomas for her service in supplying Christmas gifts to the less fortunate and food for the Blessing boxes throughout the City of Winchester so those in need can always find a helping hand.”

Ms. Lisa McCoy and others were present.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. William Castle, 304 Gallahadion Way, expressed his concerns over the lack of sediment controls in the areas of new construction. He stated the silt fences were taken down and topsoil installed and a few days later when the rain came, the topsoil washed out into the streets and was going down the storm drains. He stated he would like to see more action taken by the City in this area.

Mr. Castle stated his concerns regarding the issue of the Farmers Market and the Night Market and if the fees for the Farmers Market were going to the beautification of downtown and if the fees for the Night Market were kept by the business. He inquired if anyone could use Depot Street for events and if those entities could keep the fees charged for the event.

Mayor Burtner reported the Farmers Market kept the fees they charge for events they put on during the year like Farm to Table, and that Abettor Brewing was a different private entity.

PRESENTATION

**BIM Group
City of Winchester Health Insurance**

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Mr. Jeff Truitt with BIM Group, reported the City had hired BIM Group for health insurance approximately two years ago. He stated in the 2019-2020 (June to May) costs were \$716,017; 2020-2021 the costs were \$1,377,341; and in nine months of the 2021-2022 year, the costs are \$827,707. He noted during the 2019-2022 plan with MedBen/PHCS the total plan cost per employee was \$1,425.31 and in 2020-2021 it was \$1,452.68. With the ARC/Anthem, in the 2021-2022 year (nine months of data) the cost per employee was \$1,333.94, a decrease from the last two years. He stated the projection for the 2022-2023 year would be \$1,2017.87 per employee.

Mr. Truitt reported the premium payments would not be going up in the next plan year and the cost of claims for the 2020-2021 year was \$2,370,790 with the nine-month data, the current cost of claims is \$1,653,486, a -30.26%. He stated the final total cost analysis would not be available until after the May 2022 plan ended. He noted the projected cost of claims for the 2022-2023 play year would be approximately \$2,089,865, a savings of 11.85%. He stated the City has been saving costs on insurance claims the last two years.

OLD BUSINESS

Jefferson Street /CSX Issue

City Manager Flynn reported on the issue of Jefferson Street and CSX Railroad. He stated this issue had been investigated due to Mr. Lloyd Stanfield’s complaint regarding the homeless issue in the area around his business.

Mr. Flynn noted the area in question was property owned by CSX Railroad and the City had nothing to do with this area. He stated CSX personnel would meet with

Codes Enforcement regarding the overgrowth in the area in the coming days. He stated that CSX’s intent would be to clean up the area and after the cleanup, the Police would check the area and site those on private property as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

**Out-of-State Travel
Detective Matt Reed**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Chenault, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved out-of-state travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for training for Detective Matt Reed May 23-26, 2022.

**Request for Street Closing
Car Show**

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved closing North Main Street from Broadway to Washington Street for Remember When Cruisers car shows during the Rock the Block Concert Series - May 13, June 10, July 8, and August 12, 2022.

**Request for Out-of-State Travel
Fire Department**

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved out-of-state travel for BC August Fisher to travel to Emmitsburg, Maryland to attend “Command and Control Decision Making at Multi-Alarms” training April 30-May 7, 2022.

Request to Close Street

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Car Show

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and with unanimous vote, the Board approved the closing of East Broadway from Main Street to Highland and Church Alley on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

**City Manager's Report
April 19, 2022**

The Board commended City Manager Mike Flynn on his monthly report of the City's activities.

**Fiscal Year 2022
Financial Statements
February and March 2022**

The Board commended Finance Director Michelle Lucas on her financial report for the months February and March 2022.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY, PRELIMINARILY APPROVING AN INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND FINANCING FOR "PROJECT MONTGOMERY"; AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, AND INSTALLATION OF A QUALIFYING PROJECT; AGREEING TO ISSUE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME OR TIMES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND TAKING OTHER PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

On motion by Commissioner Chenault, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this resolution was adopted. Resolution No. R2022-4.

ORDINANCES (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AN UNNAMED AND ABANDONED ALLEY EXTENDING ABOUT 323.31 FEET AND 10 FEET WIDE RUNNING SOUTHWEST FROM PATIO STREET TO HAMILTON STREET

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

Ms. Virginia Miller, 321 Hamilton Street was present.

SERIES A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,495,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, 022 SERIES A (WHICH AMOUNT MAY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED), OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY; DESIGNATING THE PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR IN RESPECT THEREOF; APPROVING THE PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS IN RESPECT THEREOF;

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE BIDS OF THE BOND PURCHASERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

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

ORDERS

AN ORDER APPROVING FUNDING FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT FUND FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 5 CLEVELAND AVENUE

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On motion by Commissioner Strode, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote this order was adopted. Order No. 2022-76.

AN ORDER ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM INTEGRATED ENGINEERING FOR THE MAPLE STREET & WALL ALLEY STORM WATER STUDY

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Chenault, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2022-77.

AN ORDER APPROVING THE SERVICES OF STOLL KEENON OGDEN PLLC FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES

On motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Chenault, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2022-78.

PERSONNEL ORDER S (General)

AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 2022-75 "AN ORDER EMPLOYING JORDAN SPARKMAN TO FILL THE POSITION OF SINGLE ROLE PARAMEDIC "

On motion by Commissioner Chenault, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2022-79.

AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF AUSTIN CARR, LIEUTENANT/EMT

On motion by Commissioner Chenault, seconded by Commissioner Strode, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2022-80.

AN ORDER TERMINATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF JACK MCCOY, PTS/EMT

On motion by Commissioner Reed, seconded by Commissioner Chenault, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2022-81.

AN ORDER EMPLOYING KAYLA VOLLEN TO TILL THE POSITION OF PATIENT TRANSFER SPECIALIST/EMT

On motion by Commissioner Chenault, seconded by Commissioner Reed, and with unanimous vote, this order was adopted. Order No. 2022-82.

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

Commissioner Chenault:

- Commended the activities taking place and the use of Depot Street.
- Reminded the public of the Candidates Forums coming up on Monday night.

Commissioner Reed:

- Stated the Candidates Forum for Commissioners would be Monday, April 25th.

Commissioner Cox:

- Inquired if the City could look into financing alternatives for the three drainage projects coming up and not rely on the ARPA funds for all three projects.

Commissioner Strode:

- Commended Abettor for the activities on Depot Street on April 16th and heard many good comments.
- Noted the downtown Shop Hop was a success on April 16th.

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

Edallen York Burtner, Mayor

Joy L. Curtis, City Clerk