

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
June 9, 2015
Council Chambers – Rouss City Hall**

PRESENT: Councilor Evan Clark, John Hill, Kevin McKannan, Corey Sullivan and William Wiley; Mayor Elizabeth Minor; Vice-Mayor Les Veach; President John Willingham (8)
ABSENT: Vice-President Milt McInturff (1)

President Willingham called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2.0 Public Comments: (Each person will be allowed 3 minutes to address Council with a maximum of 10 minutes allowed for everyone)

President Willingham asked if there was anyone wishing to address Council. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

3.0 Items for Discussion:

3.1 R-2015-26: Resolution – Authorize the issuance in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$132,700,000, by the Economic Development Authority of the City of Winchester of its Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Valley Health System Obligated Group), Series 2015

President Willingham stated he will be abstaining from the discussion and vote as he serves as a trustee for the Winchester Medical Center.

Economic Redevelopment Director Kimberly Murray presented the request for the issuance of the Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds not to exceed the amount of \$132,700,000.00. She informed Council that staff plans to bring forward an amended resolution that will include language stating the refunding will take place by the end of the year.

Councilor Clark asked if this is a refinance of the existing bonds for a lower rate. Ms. Murray stated that is correct.

Vice-Mayor Veach moved to forward R-2015-26 to Council. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Wiley then approved 7/0/1 with President Willingham abstaining.*

3.2 O-2015-14: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-157 OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE TO CLARIFY CREATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT SERVICES

City Manager Eden Freeman presented the recommended ordinance change to include language so the Finance Director may also be referred to as the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Support Services. She stated after careful review over the past 11 months, she has determined some changes are needed to the operating structure in order to provide the most effective and efficient services possible to the residents. Part of it is clarifying the role of the Finance Director to be the Chief Finance Officer and Director of Support Services. The Information Technology, Human Resources and Finance Departments are all internal service departments and support one another. Although they do work closely together, having them supervised by one individual will ensure consistency with decisions being made in each of those departments. By making this change, those department directors will report directly to the CFO instead of the City Manager. However, like any employee of the City, they do ultimately report to the City Manager.

City Attorney Anthony Williams stated that not only is the term Finance Director defined in City Code, it is also defined in the State Code so it is necessary to make clear that she is still the Finance Director with these additional responsibilities.

President Willingham stated he likes the role of the CFO and thinks it provides a more distinguished title. He also thinks the City's Finance Director, Mary Blowe, has done an excellent job for the City and it is well fitting.

Ms. Freeman stated more and more local governments are going to the CFO structure because it does provide more of a successor to the CEO or City Manager because the individual is well vested and well versed in financial matters which are so critical to the operations of the overall organization.

Vice-Mayor Veach moved to forward O-2015-14 to Council. *The motion was seconded by Councilor McKannan then unanimously approved 8/0.*

4.0 Monthly Reports

4.1 Fire & Rescue Department

4.2 Police Department

5.0 Adjournment

Councilor Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Wiley then unanimously approved 8/0.*