

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2012
7:00 PM**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on October 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 1 Main Street, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

Members Attending: Randy Barrett, Mayor; Charles Keefer, Charles Eshenaur, Pat Woodrum, Joe Rumbaugh and Dana Campbell, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

Staff Present: Gloria Chapman and Johnny Hodges, Staff; Tim LaFon, City Counsel; and Police Chief, John Perrine.

Public: Steve Hanna of Woodland Forest reported to the Council that some of the downspouts in Woodland Forest were running into the street and draining under the street and he was concerned about damage to the infrastructure. He also stated that shrubs near the entrance of Woodland Forest could be a possible traffic hazard. The Mayor said he would investigate the situation.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting were approved as presented upon a motion of Charles Keefer. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid. Excluding a check to Architectural Interior Product for \$1,047.28, which should have been paid by the Building Commission, the bills paid for the month of September 2012 in the amount of \$36,275.10 were approved on a motion made by Charles Eshenaur. Charles Keffer made a second. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements. The financial statement for the month of September 2012 was approved upon a motion made by Dana Campbell. Joe Rumbaugh made a second. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. The Coal Severance financial statement for the month of September 2012 was moved to be accepted by Dana Campbell. Charles Eshenaur made a second. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Court Activity.

Chief Perrine announced that Officer Eric Hayzlett had resigned from the Winfield Police Department to attend the FBI National Academy. He will be replaced by Officer Derek Milam, a graduate of the WV State Police Academy. Officer Milam is finishing up his Criminal Justice degree from American Military University with a specialization in Organizational Law Enforcement Leadership.

The Chief noted that School Resource Officer, Mike Kordusky and his K-9 have continued to be a success in the school environment. Chief Perrine further stated that Officer Kordusky has recently attended a Grant Writing Seminar sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Criminal Justice Service. Attendance at this seminar was mandatory for agencies planning to apply for DCJS grant funds for the 2013-2014 school Prevention Resource Officer. The Chief added that he and Officers Kordusky, Milan and Young have attended further training to improve law enforcement practices.

Chief Perrine stated that after the devastating summer storms, it was evident from a crisis management perspective that there was not enough manpower to handle a crisis. After a low cost plan of action study, a Reserve Police Officer Program has been formed which would provide trained, competent volunteers as a supplement during emergency conditions. The Chief said that volunteers would not be armed or have enforcement duties. He noted that Matthew Lovejoy, a recent graduate of Winfield High School has volunteered for the reserve program. Matthew is currently studying Criminal Justice at WV Tech and he has been a Winfield volunteer firefighter for the past three years. Matthew and other volunteers will be under the mentorship of Chief Perrine.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report:

Johnny Hodges reported that ammonia levels were holding at 1.58 and that dying duckweed was being removed from the pond to help maintain those levels.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report (cont'd)

The Mayor stated that the cost of dumping the duckweed could be expensive and that one truckload was \$ 730.00. Therefore, it was decided that no more duckweed would be removed at this time.

Storm water Project

The Mayor reported that the Project has been closed, but that C.J. Hughes was going to be contacted about some clean up in Riverdale that had been overlooked.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Commission Public Hearing on November 5, 2012 to Revise Article 1309 requiring infrastructure improvements – adjacent property development.

The Mayor reported that the revision was still in the planning stage.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Date for Trick or Treat

Dana Campbell made motion to hold Trick or Treat in the City of Winfield on Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Charles Keefer opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss Cemetery Rules

After discussion on flags being placed in the cemetery, it was decided to table the subject pending further investigation.

“Shop with a Cop” donation.

Charles Eshenaur moved to donate \$250.00 to the “Shop with a Cop” program, which would go toward helping needy families during the holiday season. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

Scouts building a picnic shelter at Police Station.

The Mayor reported that he had been checking investment costs and had received some estimates. He stated that a 16' x 32' concrete pad would cost approximately \$1,735.00 and that materials for the shelter would be approximately \$3,000.00. Mayor Barrett stated another future project for the Scouts might be to build picnic tables. Charles Eshenaur moved to give the

Building Commission permission to proceed with the project. There was one objection to the motion from Charles Keefer. Motion carried.

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New Business (cont'd).

Discuss separate fund for street improvements.

Discussion was held on earmarking a separate fund for street improvements that could be drawn on as the needs arise. No action was taken.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Barrett noted that pending no comments, approval for the Sidewalk Project should be received on Monday, October 15.

He also reported that the City had received checks from FEMA for the June Storm damage amounting to about \$11,000.

Charles Eshenaur mentioned that he would like to see Park Benches placed at the Town Hall Building and at the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Charles Keefer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2012. Pat Woodrum made a second. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder