

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2012
7:00 PM**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield Town Council to order on November 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM 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; Johnny Hodges, Staff; Tim LaFon, City Counsel; Police Chief, John Perrine and Officer Derek Milam.

Public: Mayor Barrett presented a plaque to Nathan Fewell as a Lifetime Service Award for his contributions to the Winfield Fire Department, the City Council and the Winfield Sanitary Sewer Board.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting were tabled until next month's meeting.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid. Bills paid for the month of October 2012 in the amount of \$37,863.25 were approved on a motion made by Charles Eshenaur. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

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

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

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Court Activity.

Chief Perrine stated that the Winfield Police Department was dispatched to 232 police calls for the month.

The Chief introduced Officer Derek Milam, the newest member of the Winfield Police Department. Officer Milam spoke to the Council and those present concerning his background and his pleasure to be associated with the Winfield Police Department.

Chief Perrine noted that School Resource Officer, Mike Kordusky continues to aid in assisting school administration in Winfield. He has served 148 youths and taught 3 classes. Officer Kordusky also provided media camera interviews with local news stations.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report:

Johnny Hodges reported that ammonia levels were holding at .58 and the Mayor said that the changes that have been made seem to be working.

The Mayor reported that the Sanitary Board had put out for bids for a new engineering firm to work with the Sewer System.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

The Mayor reported that this was being revisited due to a typing error and discrepancies in theory. It will be placed on the agenda for next month.

Discuss Cemetery Rules

The Mayor reported that from investigation into costs of cemetery flags, he found that three flags would cost from \$95 to \$179; a base would cost \$1,000, poles would cost \$2,500, totaling roughly \$3,500 plus cost of installing electric. Charles Eshenaur moved to proceed with putting in three flags at the cemetery. Motion carried. Charles Eshenaur further moved to appoint Steve Hanna and Dick Whitney to serve as a committee to spec out the details and report back to the Council. Joe Rumbaugh made a second. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

Separate Fund for Street improvements. Tabled until figures can be compiled for street repairs during the past five years.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappoint Jerald Murray to Planning Commission. Dana Campbell moved to reappoint Jerald Murray to the Planning Commission for a three-year term commencing December 2012. Joe Rumbaugh made a second. Motion carried.

Appointments to BZA – Leonard Corns, Hilton Ingram and Bernard Turley. Leonard Corns declined nomination. Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Charles Eshenaur moved to accept Hilton Ingram to the BZA Board for a three-year term commencing December 2012 through December 31, 2015. Joe Rumbaugh made a second. Motion Carried.

Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Joe Rumbaugh moved to accept Bernard Turley to the BZA Board to fill an existing term which expires on December 31, 2014. Charles Keefer questioned if Mr. Turley was the Jr. or Sr. He was told the nominee was Bernard Turley Sr. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

e-Civis-Grant Network Software. Mayor Barrett provided information and explained the particulars and options pertaining to the grant software. He stated that the software would provide the availability and information on how to proceed in order to obtain grants. After discussion, Charles Keefer moved to purchase the software on a three-year-bases at \$1,500 per year. Motion carried.

Park Benches at City Hall and Police Station. Discussion but no action was taken.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Barrett reported that the city has caved in and filled the cistern located on the old Call property on Garfield, across from the Police Department.

The Mayor also reported that a pre-bid meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. today on the Phase 4 Sidewalk Project from the Middle School to Gunners.

Good of the Order (cont'd)

The Mayor stated that Laura Cox has applied for a grant for Phase 5, which would cover a Streetscape along both sides of Route 817 in front of the Courthouse.

The Mayor said it had been brought to his attention that sidewalks installed three years ago were showing extensive damage. He felt doubtful that future sidewalks would be made from pervious concrete.

Mayor Barrett also stated that he has been communicating with West Virginia American Water about water leaks in the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Charles Keefer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder