

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2012
7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Winfield Town Council was called to order on June 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randy Barrett, at Winfield Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in honor of Nathan Fewell, who resigned his position as Councilman due to illness.

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

Public: Bob Harvey of the Winfield Municipal Building Commission. Sally Halstead and Debbie Easter of Putnam Aging. Sally Halstead inquired of Council about the possibility of getting a donation toward a van to transport handicapped citizens. The request was tabled until next month's meeting when it could be placed on the agenda. Tracy Mastroianni, Donna Howrylak and other residents of Berry Hills were present to register a complaint about accumulating trash and various disturbances in their neighborhood. Tracy stated that not only were there safety concerns, but that the value of their homes was being affected by the conditions. The Mayor assured the residents that he would be in touch with Jay Cochran immediately concerning the trash and that further investigation would be conducted on the other complaints. He also reported that pictures had been taken of the cat problem at Berry Hills and that Animal Control had been contacted and would put out traps to catch the ferrel cats.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were moved to be approved by Charles Keefer. Charles Eshenaur made a second. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid. The bills paid for the month of May 2012 in the amount of \$ 98,070.40 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 May 2012 was approved upon a motion made by Joe Rumbaugh. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

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

General Fund Budget Rev. 1

Charles Eshenaur moved to accept the General Fund Budget Rev. 1 as presented below. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

Account Number	Account Description	Previously Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
976	Public Safety	35,000		20,000	15,000
700	Police Department	230,225	20,000		250,225

Coal Severance budget Rev. 1

Revenues

Acct. No.	Acct. Description	Prev. Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
310	Coal Sev. Tax	6,350	2,720		9,070
299	Unassigned Fund Bal.	22,500	4,547		27,047

Expenditures

Acct. No.	Acct. Description	Prev. Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
440	City Hall		2,720		2,720
952	Cemeteries		4,547		4,547

Coal Severance Budget Rev. 1 (cont'd).

Charles Eshenaur moved that the Coal Severance Budget Rev. 1 be accepted as presented above. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Court Activity. Police Chief, John Perrine, explained to representatives of Berry Hills that he understood their problems and that he and Mayor Barrett would be creating a plan of action. Chief Perrine reported that Officer Joe Marino has submitted a verbal resignation and will officially resign on June 13, 2012. Kevin Young has been selected to fill the part-time vacancy created by the resignation of Officer Marino. Chief Perrine stated that 40% of dispatched calls were for traffic; 13% were for service and 57% were in the criminal category. 27 traffic warnings were issued and 10 traffic citations were written. The Chief noted that City Police Officers logged 3,872 miles in May and that 2 officers had been trained in the Active Shooter program. He also stated that equipment has been updated or purchased to comply with the Sheriff's Office, FBI, State Police and new 911 digital requirements. Chief Perrine further stated that there was a problem with peddlers in town and he suggested that residents ask to see the license of anyone trying to sell door to door.

Mayor Barrett reported that \$877 was received from the recycling dumpsters at the recent City Clean-up. He stated that this helped defray the cost of the dumpsters. The Mayor also reported that timbering within city limits had been halted due to the failure of participants to obtain licenses or permits.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report:

As a step toward the City coming into compliance with the WV Department of Environmental Protection, the Mayor reported that the Sanitary Board awarded Dunn Engineering a contract for \$15,500 to give a second opinion concerning the ammonia levels in the wastewater system. He stated that a meeting with the WV DEP would be held on Friday, June 15, at 1:30 in Charleston.

Stormwater Project

The Mayor reported that a meeting would be held with C.J. Hughes on June 26th to go over a punch list to finalize the Stormwater Project. He asked that everyone be observant about what should be put on the list.

Stormwater Project (cont'd)

The Mayor stated that the Building Commission might use monies left over from the stormwater project to help buy a jetter for the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Annexation request – Drew Garnes, 3639 Winfield Road. Attorney Tim Lafon reported that papers have been signed granting request.

Annexation request – H.E. Lewis apartments. Papers have been signed granting request.

Change the Biennial Election Date.

Charles Keefer moved to hold the second reading on changing the date of our city election to the first Tuesday in November, and placing the November 8, 2016 date change on the June 2013 ballot. Charles Eshenaur made a second. Motion carried.

Sanitary Sewer Capital Project Donation - Tabled until September when the DEP will provide documentation on what is required.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint new member to Municipal Building Commission

Upon recommendation of Mayor Barrett, Charles Keefer moved to appoint Jim Winter to the Municipal Building Commission for a 2-year term commencing June 2012. Joe Rumbaugh made a second. Motion carried.

Appoint new City Council Member

Upon recommendation of Mayor Barrett, Dana Campbell moved to appoint Pat Woodrum to the City Council to fill the unexpired term of Nathan Fewell. Joe Rumbaugh made a second. Charles Keefer abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Relay for Life

Sean Huffman of Winfield, co-chair of Relay for Life, spoke to the Council about the Relay for Life that will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM on July 13 at Winfield High School. Lynda Rumbaugh will be this year's captain and our own Jeremy Huff will be the Jr. Grand Marshall. He stated that the goal for this year was \$60,000 and asked the Council to participate with a donation.

Relay for Life (cont'd)

The Mayors of Hurricane and Winfield have agreed to see which city can raise the most toward the relay, with the losing Mayor marching in the Homecoming parade wearing the colors of the opposite school. The donation was tabled until further investigation into legalities.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. The Mayor appointed Charles Eshenaur to check on streetlights and other street matters that needed attention.

ADJOURNMENT

Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder