

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 10, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Winfield Town Council was called to order on July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randy Barrett, at Winfield Town Hall, One Main Street, Winfield, WV.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Absent:** Joe Rumbaugh.

**Staff Present:** Gloria Chapman, City Clerk; Laura Cox, Planning Director, Staff; Police Chief, John Perrine and Officer Kevin Young. City Attorney Tim LaFon joined the meeting via telephone conference.

**Public:** Jim Winter of the Winfield Municipal Building Commission and Pastor Bob Fulton, Winfield Church of the Nazarene.

**Oath of Office:** Mayor Barrett swore in new Councilwoman, Pat Woodrum.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 12, 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 June 2012 in the amount of \$ 60,908.74 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 June 2012 was approved upon a motion made by Dana Campbell. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

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

#### **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**Police and Municipal Court Activity.** Police Chief, John Perrine, announced that Kevin Young has been offered and accepted a full-time position with the Winfield Police Department. Officer Young is a graduate of the WV State Police Academy and WV State University. Officer Young and Chief Perrine have recently attended weapons training programs.

Chief Perrine also introduced The Reverend Robert Fulton, Pastor of the Winfield Church of the Nazarene as the new civilian volunteer "Police Chaplin". Pastor Fulton has years of training and experience and will assist in situations where officers come in contact with individuals who have been severely victimized, suffered serious injury, or have been traumatized by the death of a loved one.

The Chief stated that 20% of dispatched calls were for traffic; 23% were for service and 57% were in the criminal category. 19 traffic warnings were issued and 6 traffic citations were written. The Chief stated that City Police Officers logged 3,217 miles in June. Chief Perrine noted that significant incidents that were investigated in June included vehicle tampering/theft on Winfield Avenue; peddlers going from door to door; a domestic battery case arrest; a money changing scheme and a warrant issued for petit larceny. He also reported that the Winfield Police Department has worked cooperatively with the owners and citizens of Berry Hills to develop a strategic response plan for addressing targeted issues of noise, traffic, animals and uncontrolled proliferation of clutter. He noted that the plan has been implemented and results have been noted. Chief Perrine reported that the recent Derecho Storm in the area revealed a lack in the state of readiness of the Police Force for such an emergency. Of noted concern was the lack of foul weather gear, equipment and supplies to sustain adequate police safety and services to the community. The Chief stated that he had begun to make purchases of items to be better prepared for the possibility of another storm emergency. The Chief also stated that the Department would be involved in the National DUI Blitz, stop sign enforcement and school bus safety programs.

**Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report:**

Mayor Barrett reported that the Sanitary Sewer Board meeting had been postponed until July 24 to give Dunn Engineers and The WV Dept. of Environmental Protection time to complete their documentation.

**Storm water Project**

The Mayor reported that a walk-through was conducted on June 27 with S&S Engineers, C.J. Hughes and the USDA. Two concrete repairs were to be made in Woodland Forest and some dirt work in Riverdale to complete the project. The Mayor stated that The USDA said this was the first time they had a project of this magnitude where the citizens registered no complaints. Mayor Barrett noted that the project came in \$40,000 under budget and that the Building Commission agreed to give \$20,000 toward the cost of a jetter and \$15,000 to purchase a camera for sewer inspection. Remaining monies would go back into the loan if the USDA approves all.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Annexation request – Drew Garnes, 3639 Winfield Road.** Tim Lafon reported by telephone conference that a hearing to finalize the annexation request was to be on July 26; however, Drew Garnes had withdrawn his request and stated that the City was not moving fast enough. Mr. Garnes said that his Plan B was going through the County Planning Commission. Tim stated that since the City had never been given a deadline and that approximately \$5,000 had been spent on three sets of attorney fees, publication fees and survey fees, that Mr. Garnes should be billed for expenses.

**Annexation request – H.E. Lewis apartments.** Tim Lafon reported that the Lewis annexation request had also been withdrawn due to a pending sale. He stated that the same City funds had been expended as on the Garnes annexation and that H.E. Lewis should be billed for City expenses and that the July 26 hearing for finalization would have to be canceled.

**Change the Biennial Election Date.**

Tim Lafon stated that committees were meeting to define the language of the Biennial Election Date change so that all elections in the County would have identical language.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Appoint new member to Municipal Building Commission.** None as of this date.

**Relay for Life Donation.** Charles Eshenaur moved to donate \$1,000 to Relay for Life with the provision that a letter is submitted showing that the 501-C3 organization is registered with the Putnam County Prosecutor's Office. Dana Campbell made a second. Motion carried.

**Street Light Report.** Charles Eshenaur reported that five streetlights were out and that two of those were now working. He stated that the recent storm had slowed progress.

**Sally Halstead – Putnam Ageing medical transport donation.** The Mayor reported that Buffalo, Eleanor and Poca had donated \$2,500.00 towards a medical transport van and that he would like to see Winfield donate the same. Charles Keefer moved to donate \$2,500.00 to help defray the cost of a medical transport van for senior citizens and Dana Campbell made a second. Motion carried.

**2011-2012-10 Stoneridge Development rezoning three lots from C-1 to C-2 across from McDonald's.**

**2011-2012 –11 Stoneridge development rezoning acreage along Kanawha River from R-1 to C-1 and part C-2.**

Laura Cox briefed the council on the recommendation of the Winfield Planning Commission pertaining to the rezoning requests as stated above. The Commission had approved the rezoning requests since they were in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan with a pre-requisite of a 25 foot buffer zone of evergreen trees be planted six months prior to any construction.

Charles Keefer moved to hold first reading of 2011-2012-10 Stoneridge Development rezoning three lots from C-1 to C-2 across from McDonald's, and 2011-2012-11 Stoneridge Development rezoning acreage along Kanawha River from R-1 to C-1 and part C-2. Dana Campbell made a second. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER.** The Mayor reported that he had met with the WV Division of Highways Environmental staff and took pictures on July 5 of the areas where sidewalks were to be built. The Mayor felt that it would still be a while before we get the Notice to Proceed on the project.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER (Cont'd).**

The Mayor noted that the brush at the Sewer Plant, collected from the recent storm debris, would be burned if permission were granted by the DEP. He said that if permission was not forthcoming, then the City would have to obtain a chipper.

Mayor Barrett stated that the REACH Program would be in Winfield to help repair designated homes. He stated that it would be an out-of-state truck which would be involved with the program, and that citizens should not be alarmed.

The Mayor praised City Workers, Johnny Hodges, and Bill Harper who worked above and beyond the call of duty during the recent storm. He stated that they came out Friday evening around 10 p.m. and worked around the clock with only a four hour break each, until Sunday evening to provide generator power to the pump stations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pat Woodrum moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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Randy L Barrett, Mayor

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Jackie Hunter, Recorder