

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 11, 2012  
7:00 PM**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield Town Council to order on September 11, 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 Attorney; Police Chief, John Perrine and School Resource Officer, Mike Kordusky.

**Public:** Jerald Murray of the Winfield Planning Commission was present and Joe Reeder introduced himself to Council as the Republican candidate for Circuit Judge.

**Approval of Minutes:** Charles Eshenaur corrected the minutes to read that the faulty light fixture on the corner of Ferry and 817 needed **replaced**, not repaired. The Minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting were moved to be approved as corrected by Charles Keefer. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL**

**Bills Paid.** The bills paid for the month of August 2012 in the amount of \$102,922.51 were approved on a motion made by Dana Campbell. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statements.** The financial statement for the month of August 2012 was approved upon a motion made by Charles Eshenaur. Motion carried.

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** The Coal Severance financial statement for the month of August 2012 was moved to be accepted by Joe Rumbaugh. Motion carried.

## REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

### **Police and Municipal Court Activity.**

Chief Perrine introduced the new School Resource Officer, Mike Kordusky and his dog, Cadet to the Council. Mike Kordusky has a degree in Counseling and Divinity and he has been a West Virginia Educator, Athletic Director, Student Counselor and Youth Pastor for about twenty-two years. He is an accomplished dog handler specializing in "Police K-9" dogs that are proficient in narcotics detection, police patrol, tracking and explosives. Officer Kordusky will be a liaison for the Winfield Police Department and the Putnam County Board of Education,

The Mayor and other Council Members noted that reports from the schools, concerning the Resource Officer, have been highly favorable.

Chief Perrine reported that Winfield Police Officers logged 3,010 miles in August. He stated that as part of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, the department held a joint effort DUI checkpoint with the Eleanor Police Department on the north side of the river. Another reciprocal joint effort will be held in Winfield in the near future.

The Chief noted that the firearms for the Police Department had been upgraded. Questions were asked about the bulletproof vests worn by the city police. Chief Perrine stated that all officers had vests, but that they needed to be up-dated. He said that grants were available to buy new vests and that he would do some research and report his findings at the next Council meeting.

### **Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report:**

Johnny Hodges reported that two six-inch lines into the lagoon have been replaced with a new 12-inch line. Mayor Barrett stated that ammonia levels were holding at 4.9, which is well below the limit of 15, but he cautioned that this could change with the school population coming into the system and the duckweed dying off with colder weather. The Mayor noted that Chapman Technical Group conducted a study of the sewer plant and they reported that it was just a matter of time before a new plant would be needed. They recommended taking steps in that direction, as it was a lengthy process. Mayor Barrett added that costs of operating the plant were rising and not enough money was coming in to cover the costs.

### **Storm water Project**

The Mayor reported that the Cash Lane Project would be completed this week.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2011-2012-10 Stoneridge Development rezoning three lots from C-1 to C-2 across from McDonald's.**

Charles Eshenaur moved to hold the Third Reading and adoption of 2011-2012-10 Stoneridge Development rezoning three lots from C-1 to C-2 across from McDonald's. Charles Keefer made a second. Motion carried.

#### **Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2011-2012 –11 Stoneridge development rezoning acreage along Kanawha River from R-1 to C-1 and part C-2**

Pat Woodrum moved to hold the Third Reading and adoption of 2011-2012 Stoneridge development rezoning acreage along Kanawha River from R-1 to C-1 and part C-2. Joe Rumbaugh made a second. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Hoge House Donation** - Charles Eshenaur moved to donate \$3,000 toward the costs of the Hoge House. Dana Campbell made a second. Joe Rumbaugh abstained from voting. Motion carried.

**Discuss/review Article 1309 – Infrastructure Improvements for Existing Roads and Right-of-Ways.** The Mayor reported to Council that the Planning Commission is reviewing Putnam County's subdivision regulations that require existing roads and right-of-ways to be widened or realigned when a new subdivision is put in adjacent to the road. The Planning Commission will make recommendation to the Council if they decided a similar policy would be beneficial to the city.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Mayor also stated that there had been a hold-up on the demolition of the former Call property on Garfield Street due to asbestos removal inspection. He noted that clearance had been given and that Raynes & Son plan to tear down the house on September 24<sup>th</sup>. He felt the work would be completed in one day.

**Good of the Order (cont'd).**

Jackie Hunter questioned the use of the current alarm system siren at the Fire Department, stating that modern technology would be more efficient and free up the alarm for emergency disaster warnings. The Mayor said that he had been informed that not all current pagers were working and it might take a year to replace them and that a warning sound could be different than the five short sounds indicating fire or accident.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Charles Eshenaur moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 9th. Motion carried.

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**Randy L Barrett, Mayor**

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**Jackie Hunter, Recorder**