

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Attending: Randy Barrett, Mayor; Kevin Karnes, Steve Hanna, Ryan Powers and Joe Rumbaugh, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

**Absent.** Frank Bannister

**Staff Present.** Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Hodges, Public Works Director; Tim LaFon, City Counsel; and Police Chief, John Perrine.

**Public:** Sam Barnette of the Municipal Building Commission was present.

**Approval of Minutes.** Hearing no questions or objections, the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting were approved. Hearing no questions or objections, the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Special Meeting were approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING** - Third Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 2014-2015-3  
**Sewer Tariff Amendment.** The Public Hearing was canceled due to the newspaper's neglect to publish said hearing in two consecutive notifications. The hearing has been rescheduled for March 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections, the bills paid for the month of February 2015 in the amount of \$149,832.67 were approved.

FINANCIAL (cont'd)

**General Fund Financial Statements.** Hearing no objections, the financial statement for the month of February 2015 was approved.

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections, the Coal Severance financial statement for the month of February 2015 was approved.

**General Fund 2014-2015 Budget Rev. #4**

Ryan Powers moved to accept the General Fund 2014-2015-4 as presented below. Motion carried.

<b>Acct. #</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Prev. Approved Amount</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Amount</b>
<b>424</b>	<b>Contrib. to Comm./Authorities</b>	<b>388,016</b>		<b>61,000</b>	<b>327,016</b>
<b>417</b>	<b>City Attorney</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>20,000</b>		<b>51,500</b>
<b>905</b>	<b>Comm. Center</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>		<b>20,000</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>Police Dept</b>	<b>359,184</b>	<b>30,000</b>		<b>389,184</b>
<b>975</b>	<b>Gen Government</b>	<b>30,000</b>		<b>30,000</b>	
<b>977</b>	<b>Street &amp; Transportation</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>31,000</b>		<b>271,000</b>

**Coal Severance Fund 2014-2015 Budget Rev. #3**

Ryan Powers moved to accept the Coal Severance Fund Rev. #3 as presented below. Motion carried.

<b>Acct. #</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Previously Approved Amount</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Revised Amount</b>
<b>900</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>5,000</b>		<b>5,000</b>	
<b>400</b>	<b>City Hall</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>		<b>20,000</b>
<b>905</b>	Community Center	10,000		10,000	

**REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

Police Chief John Perrine updated Council on the monthly activities of the Winfield Police Department. He reported that Officer Joe Williams has been hired to fill the vacancy left by Officer Rowe. Officer Williams has served as a Military Police Officer and is now an MP with the West Virginia Army National Guard. While serving with the Chesapeake Police Dept. in eastern Kanawha County, he graduated from the WV State Police Academy 157 Basic Class and was promoted to Sergeant of the Chesapeake Police Dept.

Mayor Barrett reported that a newsletter would be coming out shortly to inform residents of the new Winfield web page. He stated that all current news and alerts would be available and up to date on the web site.

### **Police and Municipal Staff Reports (Cont'd.)**

The Mayor reported that the WV DEP had given the City a Consent Order to fine \$19,000 for being out of compliance for ammonia levels at the sewer plant. He also stated that he and City Attorney, Tim LaFon and Greg Belcher of Chapman Technical would be meeting with the DEP to appeal the order.

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

John Hodges reported that the sewer plant ammonia levels were 23.7 MG/L in February and 27.9 MG/L in January. This time last year he stated that ammonia levels were 16.2 MG/L. The reason for the fluctuation is unknown.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Annexation Discussion:** Tim Lafon stated that results of the recent survey indicated that there were 34 businesses, 149 homes and 357 residents that would be affected by the proposed annexation. He felt that this may come before the Commission in April.

**Draft Alcohol Ordinance:** Ryan Powers moved to hold first reading on an ordinance that would allow a business in the city limits of Winfield to serve alcohol by the drink provided they meet the following criteria:

A business that generates 60% of its gross profit by the sale of food is permitted to have a gross alcohol sales of 40%, so long as it complies with all other federal, state and local ordinances and requirements. Motion carried.

**Gambling Ordinance – Review.** Discussion was held. No action taken.

**Golf Cart Ordinance:** After discussion, it was decided that City Attorney Tim LaFon is to draw up a draft covering golf cart usage within City limits, using the City of Eleanor's description as a guideline, with adjustments recommended by the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review current ATV Ordinance.** Tabled until next month.

**Rezoning Request for 2883 Winfield Road From R-1 to C-2.** Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, Kevin Karnes moved to allow 2883 Winfield Road to be moved from R-1 to C-2 zoning. Motion carried.

**Purchase of Two lots for Widening of Second Street for City Park.**

Ryan Powers made motion to authorize City Attorney Tim Lafon to approach the owners of two lots on Second Street and Garfield Street to purchase a 1,240 square foot section of their property for widening the street in order to make it easier to access the proposed City Park. The motion authorized Tim LaFon to negotiate the selling price within a range of \$1.50 - \$3.00 per square foot for the land; which calculates into a price range of \$ 1,860 - \$ 3,720 for each property.

**Resolution for JAG Grant.** Joe Rumbaugh moved that it be resolved that the City Council authorize Mayor Randy L. Barrett to act on its behalf to enter into a contractual agreement with the West Virginia Division of Justice & Community Services to receive and administer grant funds pursuant to provisions of the Justice Assistance Grant program. Motion carried.

**Opening of Mowing Bids for 2015-2016**

Bids received for 2015-2016 mowing season:

RSG - \$2,678

Johnny's Lawn Service - \$2,397

Ryan Powers moved to accept the bid of Johnny's Lawn Service. Motion carried.

**Change April Meeting Date to Third Tuesday.** Steve Hanna moved to change the regular Council date to the third Tuesday, April 21, to accommodate the laying of the levy. Motion carried.

**Annual Comprehensive Plan Review With Planning Commission.**

The Mayor announced that the annual Comprehensive Plan Review would be held at the Planning Commission meeting on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. He encouraged Council to attend.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Sam Barnett informed Council that he had approached a reporter about the high water section above City limits on 817 that iced over during the recent winter storm. He stated that it was a dangerous situation that should be corrected by the State.

The Mayor said that the 911 Center had approached him about using the Community Center as a rescue center during disasters and emergencies. The 911 Center was checking into obtaining a generator for the building.

Joe Rumbaugh informed all present that the Hogue house heating and air conditioning has been installed and that plaster work would be started in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM until the next scheduled meeting.

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Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder