

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
(AMENDED)
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present. Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer; John Hodges, Public Works Director; and Chief John Perrine of the Winfield Police Department. Attorney Tim LaFon was absent.

Public: None speaking

Approval of Minutes. With no questions or objections, the minutes of the March 2015 regular meeting were approved. With no questions or objections, the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Budget Meeting was approved. With no questions or objections, the minutes of the March 24, 2015 special Meeting was approved.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections, bills paid for the month of March 2015 in the amount of \$38,358.94 was approved.

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

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections, the Coal Severance Statement for March 2015 was approved.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report

Chief Perrine updated Council on the activities of the Winfield Police Department for the month of March. The Chief informed Council that the Police Department has selected and purchased from West Virginia Uniform, the ABA Xtreme XT02 Type IIIA Series ballistic vests for its officers. He stated that half of the cost would be covered by a grant that should come in by May.

Mayor Barrett reported that Dale Vance was planning to build condos on the river behind the Municipal Building, but the 700 ft. proposed extension line would have to be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection before the project could be started.

The Mayor stated that the annual audit was ongoing and expected to be closed Wednesday or Thursday. He requested as many of Council as possible to be present during the exit review.

The Mayor reported that there was a water leak under the pavement on 2nd Street and WV American Water had been informed.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report

John Hodges reported that the ammonia levels for April was 14.25 MG/L and readings for March showed 15.00 MG/L. Mayor Barrett stated that the duck week seems to hold the ammonia levels down, but the DEP says it has to be controlled, so the city is complying with their mandates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion – Tim Lafon stated that the annexation should be on the agenda for the next Putnam County Commission meeting with a Public Hearing after that.

Unfinished Business (Cont.d)

Second Reading Ordinance 2014-2015-14 Alcohol Ordinance

Ryan Powers moved to hold Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-2015-14 Alcohol Ordinance. Motion carried.

Golf Cart Ordinance. Ryan Powers moved to have a draft drawn to amend Ordinance 355 by adding "Golf Cart" after a forward / in all areas of Ordinance 355 where "ATV" is written. Motion carried.

Review Current ATV Ordinance. Covered in Golf Cart Ordinance.

Purchase of Two Lots for Widening of Second Street for City Park.

The Mayor stated that owners of the lot on Second Street have agreed to sell a portion of the lot for widening of 2nd street. He said the owners of the house on Garfield could not be located and that the property would have to be condemned in order to proceed further.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Date for Open House/Picnic for Community Center.

Council agreed to hold an open house/picnic for the Community Center on West Virginia Day, June 20th

Discuss Sell/Advertise Property in Front of Wastewater Plant.

Ryan Powers moved to advertise the sale of the remaining lots along Rt. 817 next to Advanced Auto, at an auction, with a beginning rate of \$250,000 with buyer's choice as to which lot is purchased. Motion carried.

Set 2015-2016 Levy Rate.

Council received no public comments nor written objections with regard to the levy rate, and approval of the West Virginia State Auditor's Office was received. Therefore, Frank Bannister moved to approve the 2015-2016 Levy Rate as follows: Class I - \$12.50; Class II - \$ 25.00; Class IV - \$50.00 as suggested by the Putnam County Assessor's Office. Motion carried.

Sale of Cemetery Lots 48J & 53F

The owners of Cemetery Lots 48J & 53F wish to sell their lots, and as required by Cemetery regulations, the City had the right of first refusal. After discussion, Kevin Karnes moved that the City not purchase the lots. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Frank Bannister asked the Mayor if there was a design plan available for the new waste water treatment plant that citizens could view, and secondly, if the city had sought any alternative engineering opinions on the waste water plant. The Mayor said that there was not a design plan available as yet, because Chapman Technical was still working on the design of the plant. With regard to other engineering opinions, he stated that the Sanitary Board did have several different engineers give their solutions for the plant, but each of them agreed a new waste water plant was the only sure solution. He also stated that they looked into the cost of pumping the waste to Buffalo, Nitro or Hometown, and even looked into the idea of letting Putnam PSD do our treatment, but none of these were cost effective. The Mayor also stated that all of this information is provided in the history of the Sanitary Board minutes which are available on our website. Mr. Bannister also asked if there was a currently a moratorium on new sewer customers in the city, and the Mayor stated that there was not for residences, but if there are any new line extensions, they would have to be approved individually.

Mayor Barrett said that there were complaints about speeding through some of the subdivisions. Discussion was held on the merits of speed bumps and or speed flashing signs.

He said that various sources were being checked to get a generator so the Community Center could be used as a rescue center during times of emergency.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder