

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 17, 2018

6:00 pm.

Mayor Randy Barrett called the special meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present: Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer and John Hodges, Public Works Director

Absent: Tim LaFon, City Counsel

Public and Guests: Mayor Barrett introduced Police Officer, Branden Oiler, to Council. Officer Oiler stated that he has four years of military law training and that he wants to be of service to the community.

Amber Welch of Precision Safe Sidewalks gave a presentation to Council to show how her company repairs sidewalks. Bobby Monroe of DataMax gave a presentation on the success of his company when tracking unpaid B&O Tax, traffic fines, utilities payments, etc.

Approval of Minutes: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Budget Meeting be approved. Motion carried. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Special Council Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of March 2018 in the amount of 71,218.09 be approved. Motion carried.

Financial (cont'd)

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of March 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for March 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

Laying of Levy 2018-2019. Motion was made by Ryan Powers to set the 2018-2019 Levy as follows:

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| Class II | Real Estate & Personal Property | \$25/\$100 |
| Class IV | Real Estate, Personal Property & Public Utility | \$50/\$100 |
| Net Amount to be raised by Levy of Property Taxes | | \$334,694 |

Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report:

In the absence of Chief Starcher, Sgt. Kevin Young reported that Officer Shane Higgenbotham would be attending the Police Academy in August and that Officer Branden Oiler would attend the academy in January.

Sgt. Young stated that the perpetrator of the breaking and entering in Waterside has not yet been apprehended.

The Sgt. also noted that Officer Coey would go on light duty on April 23rd with four hours of School Resource Officer work at the Middle School and four hours at the Elementary School.

Police and Municipal Staff Report (Cont'd).

Sgt. Young reported that on May 26th there would be active shooter training in Nitro for the Police Department, courtesy of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

He also noted that on May 1st, Officers Luke Mullins and Stephen Thompson would be testing for a promotion to sergeant with one candidate being chosen.

Sgt. Young reported that an individual in Brittany Pointe had been arrested for child molestation.

Mayor Barrett reported that the city has received no grant funds this year for PRO officers due to federal changes, but different grants are being sought. The School Board has agreed to match whatever we can obtain in grants for PRO officers.

The Mayor said that he has been in touch with the Dept. of Transportation about pot holes and that he was told they would be repaired.

He stated that Municipal candidates can register to run for office at the County Clerk's office in June.

Mayor Barrett noted that the City cannot hold a raffle for a 150th anniversary rifle as planned because of legalities.

The Mayor noted that within two or three weeks, the city would have right of entry on the land needed to widen 2nd Street for the Boat Ramp project. He reported that the West Virginia DNR would be putting out bids on the boat ramp on April 19th and their plans were to widen Garfield Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street.

The Mayor stated that a newsletter would be going out the first of May telling about the city's 150th anniversary being held on June 2nd starting at noon.

Mayor Barrett said that he and Ryan Powers have been working on getting the tree by the fire department cut with a donation of \$500 from AEP. Ryan stated they will put out bids to cut the tree.

Police and Municipal Staff Report (Cont'd).

Mayor Barrett said that the old grocery store is to be demolished starting next week and that feelers are still out for a grocery store to be part of the new facility.

The Mayor mentioned that the old post office may possibly be the new location for Rick's Barber Shop.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for April was 18.0 mg/L. He said that last year at this time, the reading was 16.3 mg/L. He stated that the new equipment to alert workers to a problem is working satisfactorily with alerts already being activated.

The Mayor said that the Sanitary Board Meetings have been changed to 10:00 A.M. on the first Thursday of every month. He also noted that he, Bill Harper and Rod Burns would be accompanying Jonathan Carpenter to Chicago to observe an SBR plant in operation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. No Report.

City National Bank Audit. The Mayor said there could be a possible hearing in July, but no update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Repeal Article 709.02 Sign Ordinance. Frank Bannister moved to amend Article 709.02 to remove the words "shall be allowed up to thirty days prior to the event or election". Motion carried.

WV Development Office Park Grant. Kevin Karnes moved to approve the \$16,000 match from the Building Commission for the WV Development Office 50/50 grant for the construction of a park shelter and basketball court at the city park near the Community Center. Motion carried.

Amend B & O Ordinance to exempt Tax on Demolition of Buildings. Ryan Powers moved to check the computer for a glitch on the Building Permit Fee Schedule that charges twice for a demolition fee and to correct that but if there is no glitch, then to eliminate the second fee. Motion carried.

Vote on Precision Safe Sidewalks. Frank Bannister moved to reject the proposal presented by Precision Safe Sidewalks. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm, until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder