

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2018
6:00 pm.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on January 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Ryan Powers

Staff Present: John Hodges, Public Works Director and Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer. Tim LaFon, City Counsel was not in attendance.

Public:

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Frank Bannister moved to accept the minutes of December 12, 2017. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid: Hearing no objections or questions, Frank Bannister moved that the bills paid for the month of December 2017 in the amount of \$54,170.95 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements: Hearing no objections or questions the Financial Report for December 2017 was approved.

Coal Severance Financial Statement: Hearing no objections or questions, Frank Bannister moved that the Coal Severance Report for December 2017 be approved. Motion carried

Financial Reports (cont'd)

General Fund Budget Revision #2 2017-2018 Gloria Chapman stated that she was moving funds at accountant's request.

Steve Hanna moved to approve General Fund Budget Rev. #2 2017-2018 as follows. Motion carried.

Expenditures:

Acct. No.	Acct. Description	Prev. Approved Amount	(Increase)	(decrease)	Revised Amt.
416	Police Judge's Office	2,000	2,000		4,000
417	City Attorney	47,250		2,000	45,250

Coal Severance Budget Rev. #2 2017-2018

Gloria Chapman stated that she was moving funds in the Coal Severance account to help make the large liability insurance payment.

Kevin Karnes moved that the Coal Severance Fund 2017-2018-2 revision be approved as follows. Motion carried.

Expenditures:

Acct. Number	Acct. Description	Prev. Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(decrease)	Revised Amt.
440	City Hall	4,500	1,210		5,710
900	Parks & Rec.	1,000		1,000	
950	Beautification Programs	875		210	665

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Reports Police Chief, Eddie Starcher, stated that the department was having trouble finding certified officers. He noted that Officer, Michael Longerbeam, fell on the ice while on duty and injured his spine.

Reports, Questions & Discussions (cont'd)

Officer Longerbeam was recently hired after serving 14 years with the Berkley County Sheriff's Department. In addition the Chief said that Officer Coey was in a wreck recently and crushed her leg. She is now on rehab and light duty. Compounding the problem, Chief Starcher said that two officers were testing out for the Sheriff's Department or State Police. He stated that county deputies were being employed for part time shifts.

The Chief reported that Winfield would be hosting 40 officers for Below 0 Training on the 29th and that an active shooter class was being held at Winfield High School tomorrow for administration and teachers.

Chief Starcher noted that officers were writing tickets but most of them were being dismissed because the safety hazards that originated the tickets were being met.

Mayor Barrett added that he was using creative methods and free money to help retain officers.

The Mayor stated that closing on the old grocery store on Rt. 817 should be accomplished by the end of February. He said that the building would house a pharmacy, hopefully a grocery store and other shops while the second floor would be town houses.

Mayor Barrett mentioned that two lots on the hill were being auctioned off tomorrow. He said they were zoned R-1 presently but they would be made available if C-1 zoning was required.

The Mayor said that he would be meeting the Thrasher Group tomorrow to resolve a contract that has not yet been signed for the new sewer plant. He noted that changes were being made to the design to help cut costs and that another bid was to go out to show using part cinderblock and part metal as opposed to all cinderblock. The goal is to have the plans at the Department of Environmental Protection by the end of the month.

The Mayor reported that while following requirements for the MS-4 program, two storm water sample points that flow into the river were found. One was next to City Hall and the other at Falcon Lane. Samples have to be taken from the two points by the end of April.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report

John Hodges stated that the reading for December was 29.4 mg/l. Last year the reading was 24.5 mg/l. The Mayor mentioned that aerators were shut down for 3 weeks due to ice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion: No Report

City National Bank Audit: No report.

Third Reading and Adoption of Vacant Property Ordinance 2017-2018-6 and Registration Form. Frank Bannister moved to hold third reading and adoption of Vacant Property Ordinance 2017-2018-6. Motion carried.

Third Reading and Adoption of Ord. 2017-2018-7 Amend Article 5 General Offenses by adding Drug & Gang Houses. Steve Hanna moved to hold third reading and adoption of Ord. 2017-2018-7 to amend Article 5 General Offenses to include drug and gang houses. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappointment of Planning Commission Members.

Kevin Karnes moved to reappoint Dale Vance to the Planning Comm. Motion carried.
Steve Hanna moved to reappoint Diane Hodges to the Planning Comm. Motion carried.
Joe Rumbaugh moved to reappoint Bill Davis to the Planning Comm. Motion carried.
The term is for three years commencing Jan. 1, 2018.

Reappointment of BZA Member. Kevin Karnes moved to reappoint Charles Lemon to the BZA for a term of three years, commencing Jan. 1, 2018. Motion carried.

Revise Holiday Pay for Employees. Kevin Karnes moved to table the discussion for further research. Motion carried.

Ordinance Addressing Minimum Square Footage for New Home. Steve Hanna moved to accept ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

Proclamation – School Choice Week. Joe Rumbaugh moved to approve the Mayor's proclamation that School Choice Week will be January 21-27, 2018. Motion carried.

Approve Upcoming Cruise-ins for Summer 2018. Frank Bannister moved to approve the dates of the 1st Saturday in June, July and August as Cruise-In dates for summer 2018 as presented by Jim Winter. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: The Mayor said there has been discussion about ordering Henry Rifles for raffle and or purchase to commemorate the 150th birthday of the City of Winfield. He stated that he would like to reach some kind of agreement so it could be put in the budget in March. He noted that 22 Mags at \$430 and 22 Long Rifles at \$397 plus engraving were also available. Engraving could be up to 18 words.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder