

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 19, 2016
6:00 pm.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on April 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff Present. John Hodges, Public Works Director; Tim Lafon, City Counsel and Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Public: Sam Barnette, Municipal Building Commission, was present.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Joe Rumbaugh moved that the minutes of March 8th regular meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, the bills paid for the month of March 2016 in the amount of \$ 84,148.01 were approved.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections, the financial statement for the month of March 2016 was approved.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections, the Coal Severance financial statement for March 2016 was approved.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report

Chief Eggleton reported that there at been one arrest for marijuana and that the Police Department would be participating in a DUI checkpoint on May 7th with the Sheriff's Department.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (cont'd).

Mayor Barrett announced that the temporary automated speed check sign would be coming in tomorrow and that it would be placed first in Woodland Forest.

The Mayor also stated that the Putnam County Commission reported that from a DUI study in Hurricane, Nitro and Winfield, Winfield had more DUI arrests as the other two cities.

Mayor Barrett said that a newsletter will forthcoming by the end of the month and that he would be announcing the City election that will be on the General Election ballot to be voted in November of this year. The election will no longer be at City Hall.

He also reported that the Homecoming Committee has been working on this year's homecoming which will be held September 10 and 11th this year and would commemorate September 11th.

The Mayor stated that the Planning Commission will be holding its annual Comprehensive Plan review on May 2nd at 7:00 pm and he asked that all Council members attend.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report

John Hodges stated that the sewer plant reading for April was 19.0 mg/L and last year's reading was 14.5 mg/L.

The Mayor reported that the City is still negotiating with the WV DEP on the MS4 mandate.

Mayor Barrett also mentioned that Courtyard Estates Phase 3 and 4 are still waiting on approval from WV DEP as to status of further sewer line extensions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion – Tim LaFon stated that there was nothing new to report.

Purchase of two lots for Widening of Second Street for City Park. Attorney Tim LaFon noted that there was nothing new to report.

Employee Handbook Update/Changes. Kevin Karnes moved to accept the Employee Handbook section on use of City property and approved absences as currently written. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business (cont'd).

Review Traffic Code Ordinance for “Failure to Appear”. Tim LaFon stated that he would prepare the draft, but that he would just be adding the words “failure to appear would result in paying the maximum penalty” to the present ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-2017 Lay of the Levy. Frank Bannister moved to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor to set the Levy rate for Winfield as follows:

Class I – \$ 12.50/100

Class II – \$ 12.50/100 X 2

Class III & IV – \$ 12.50/100 X 4 Motion carried.

City of Winfield Ad in Football Program. Set aside until next year's budget is decided.

Spring Clean-up – May 14 & 15. Steve Hanna moved to hold the annual clean-up on May 14 & 15. Motion carried.

Core Drilling of Anderson Property to Determine Contamination. The Mayor stated that the Anderson family is willing to hire proper experts to determine contamination of the soil, but they have requested time to review and get their finances in order.

Discuss Changing Date/time of May Council Meeting. Due to Election Day coinciding with the next Council meeting, Ryan Powers moved to change the date of May's Council Meeting to May 17th at 6:00. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jackie Hunter announced that early elections would start at the Courthouse on Wednesday, May 27th.

Mayor Barrett stated the Winfield Boat Ramp was in the hands of the WV Department of Natural Resources Purchasing Department.

Steve Hanna wanted to commend the Winfield Police Department on their exemplary work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 pm. until the next scheduled meeting.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder