

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2017
6:00 pm.

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Public and Guests. Ms. Marsha Postle spoke to Council regarding the Beautification Committee and their goals. Justin Armstrong of Brittany Point was also present to inform Council that his non-profit organization to help students get funding for college is up and running and has received donations.

Approval of Minutes. Kevin Karnes moved that to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016 with the correction of Page 4 under "Offer to Purchase Lots in front of Wastewater Plant" the presented projects should be listed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of December 2016 in the amount of \$ 53,595.04 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of December 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes for the Coal Severance Statement for December 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Budget Rev. 4.

Gloria Chapman presented General Fund Budget Revision 4 to the Council to record the receipt of the monies received from the sale of the lot to Dale Vance as follows:

REVENUES:

Sale of Fixed Assets \$ 81,730 (Increase)

EXPENDITURES:

Mayor's Office \$ 4,523 (Increase)
Elections 1,400 (Increase)
Police Dept. 28,500 (Increase)
Parks & Rec 47,307 (Increase)

TOTAL \$81,730

Ryan Powers made motion to approve General Fund Budget Rev. 4 as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Chief Eggleton reported that instead of doing the Shop with a Cop, this year they attended the Christmas party at Brittany Point and gave out toys to 21 children there.

Mayor Barrett informed Council that the date for the Public Auction for the sale of the two lots in front of the wastewater plant has been set for February 2 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. With regard to Ryan Power's request to have Greg Belcher of Chapman Technical present at a Council meeting to answer questions regarding the new wastewater plant, he stated that Greg would be at the March meeting. He also reported that he had spoken to Senator Hall regarding getting approval for three sewer line extensions for new developments in Winfield, and Senator Hall said he would set up a meeting with Scott Mandirola of WV DEP to expedite approval. The Mayor also reported that the WV DEP has approved the Impact Study with regard to the new wastewater plant. The Mayor said that their letter stated that the Board did search for alternative options for our wastewater problems, and after reviewing all of the options, they agreed that a new plant was the best option.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report

John Hodges stated that the sewer plant ammonia reading for December was 24.5 mg/L and he stated that just out of curiosity, he went back to see what the reading was on that date in 2003, and it was 28.3 mg/L; proving that the plant never did stay within the ammonia limits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Tim LaFon reported that there have not been any new developments because the Supreme Court has been closed for the holidays.

Core Drilling of Anderson Property to Determine Contamination. Attorney Tim LaFon reported that the Anderson's estate now has the funds and they are ready to move forward with the core drilling. After discussion, Kevin Karnes made motion to give the Andersons 30 days to enter into a contract to get the core drilling done and provide us with proof of the contract and a timeline when the work will be completed with a deadline for the above of February 14, 2017. Motion carried.

Second reading Article 505.3 Animal Ordinance – regarding waste on sidewalks. Motion was made by Steve Hanna to amend the ordinance by adding the following:

Any animal owner that leaves animal excrement on the City streets or sidewalks will be fined \$ 100.00 for the first offense, \$ 250.00 for the second offense and \$ 500.00 for the third offense.

Motion carried. The Mayor stated that since fines were added to the ordinance, it would have to have two more readings to pass.

Third Reading & Adoption Ordinance 2016-2017-7 MS-4 Program. After discussion, Ryan Powers made motion to assess a stormwater tap fee of \$ 1,850.00. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Handbook/Boot Allowance. After discussion, Frank Bannister made motion amend the language as follows:

Employee Handbook/Boot Allowance (Cont'd.)

“Additionally, the City will reimburse *maintenance employees* up to \$300.00 per year..”. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Barrett reported that Bill Harper, John Hodges and Richie Ferguson had to come out on Christmas day to unstop a sewer line. He commended them on their dedication and good work. Ryan Powers said the Fire Department was asking if the city would take down the large tree in the alleyway directly behind the Fire Department and he gave the Fire Department report for the year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:04 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder