

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**April 18, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the special meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Attending:** Ryan Powers, Frank Bannister, Kevin Karnes, Mayor Randy Barrett, City Clerk/Treasurer Gloria Chapman, and City Attorney Tim LaFon. Joe Rumbaugh, Steve Hanna and Jackie Hunter, Recorder were absent.

**PUBLIC/GUESTS**

Greg Winter of #3 Bridge Street inquired about the WV Division of Natural Resources mowing the proposed boat ramp lot.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ryan Powers made motion to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as presented. Motion carried. Ryan Powers also made motion to approve the minutes of the Special March 14 Budget meeting without changes. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL**

**Approval of Bills paid:** The bills paid for the Month of March in the amount of \$ 65,204.05 were approved on a motion by Ryan Powers. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statement:** The General Fund Financial Statement was approved on a motion by Ryan Powers. Motion carried.

**Coal Severance Financial Statement:** The Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement was approved on a motion by Frank Bannister. Motion carried.

**REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**Police and Municipal Staff reports:** Mayor Barrett reported that Chief Eggleton was off for a couple of days due to the fact that he had to cover Officer Willis's shift since his termination. The Mayor also stated the Chief would be out Wednesday and Thursday this week attending training at the WV State Police in Morgantown. The Mayor then

### **Police and Municipal Staff reports (Cont'd.).**

introduced our new Police Officer, Matthew Haynes who was hired to fill Brandon Willis' vacancy.

Mayor Barrett informed Council of other staff changes – he stated that the Building Inspector Charles Roberts had resigned, and he had hired Jonathan Atkins who is also the Building Inspector for Nitro. Also, he stated that Laura Cox, our Planning Director had been terminated from Michael Baker, Inc. Therefore, since the Mayor had not been satisfied with Michael Baker, he hired Jesse Parker of S & S Engineers as Planning Director (since he currently reviews housing plans for us), and said that we could still use Laura Cox to handle our grant applications.

The Mayor also reported that our current computer maintenance contractor, Netranom had informed us of several issues with our current computer network, such as mapping problems, substandard firewall and backup issues. The Mayor said he got quotes from two other companies for comparison, and we would be making a decision within a month as to exactly what equipment is needed.

**Wastewater Plant report:** Johnny Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for March was 16.9 mg/L and last year in April it was 19.5 mg/L.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Annexation discussion.** City Attorney Tim LaFon stated that the initial hearing is set for the latter part of May with Judge Reeder.

**Core drilling Anderson Property.** Mayor Barrett reported that the Anderson's had received the results from the core drilling company and there is some contamination, although he has not been able to get a copy of the report. He said the party interested in purchasing the property made an offer to tear down the building and take care of the contamination for about \$ 50,000. He said they were trying to get the WV DEP to work with him, and the Mayor stated that, in his opinion, it was just holding up the process.

**Third Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 2016-2017-10, False Certificates.** Motion was made by Ryan Powers to approve the third reading and adoption. Motion carried.

**Discrepancy in mowing bids.** The Mayor stated that in last month's meeting there had been an addition error made when totaling the mowing bids and that RSG Landscaping was the lowest bidder, not Bolt's. He also stated that since RSG did not do a very good job in the past, he did not recommend any changes in the contract award. Council agreed.

**City National Bank Audit.** Attorney Tim LaFon reported that he had met with the President, Chief Financial Officer and the Controller of City National and they explained to him the way they calculate their payment of B & O Taxes. He said he was now waiting on all of their documentation before he could give Council his opinion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Laying of the Levy 2017 – 2018.** Motion was made by Kevin Karnes to set the 2017 – 2018 Levy as follows:

Class I	Personal Property & Public Utility	\$ 12.22 / \$100
Class II	Real Estate & Personal Property	\$ 24.44 / \$ 100
Class IV	Real Estate, Personal Property & Public Utility	\$ 48.88 / \$ 100
<b>Net amount to be raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>		<b><u>\$ 322,128</u></b>

Motion carried.

### **Amend Sewer Rate Ordinance for increased construction costs.**

Greg Belcher of Chapman Technical reported to Council that he had made an error in his estimate of construction cost for the new wastewater plant. He stated that he had used 2013 construction cost figures. (?) The cost estimate went from the original construction cost of \$ 5,243,000 (2013 rates) to \$ 8,371,743. The Mayor stated that there were some items that could be eliminated from the cost estimates, but nothing that would amount to that much money. Greg Belcher told Council that it was better to ask the PSC to approve more money than needed up front, than to wait until after the construction bids are open, and then realized you need more money and have to go back and ask for it at that time. He stated that if construction bids come in lower than you estimated, at that time you could only borrow what you need, and the rate increase would be adjusted to match. After much discussion, Ryan Powers made a motion to amend the sewer rate ordinance to support total construction costs for the wastewater plant of \$ 11 million. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

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Jackie Hunter, Recorder