

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Public and Guests . Jim Winter and Gary Jarvis were present to express their thanks for the City of Winfield permitting the West Virginia Drag Racer Hall of Fame to be housed in the Winfield Municipal Building. They gave a yearly summary of what had been accomplished and stated that the first event attracted 155 cars and the ribbon cutting event drew 240 cars. Jim Winter presented a plaque to Mayor Barrett for his help and cooperation in establishing the Hall of Fame.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Frank Bannister moved that the bills paid for the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$73,775.26 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Frank Bannister moved that the financial statement for the month of November 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

Financial (Cont'd)

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Kevin Karnes moved that the Coal Severance Statement for November 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report: Police Chief, Eddie Starcher reported that the hiring process was on going to replace the recent vacancy in the Police Department. He also noted that a recent bomb threat at Winfield High School, The Technical Center and Hurricane High School was under investigation.

Mayor Barrett stated that after negotiations, the old grocery store on Rt. 817 is to be demolished and a new building erected in its place.

The Mayor announced that bids would be going out soon on the proposed boat ramp. He said that the bank work will be done first and the contractor won't be allowed to go into the river before May 1st due to the mussels.

The Mayor noted that the Christmas party for City workers would be held on December 21st at 1:00 at the Community Center.

Mayor Barrett said that the recent Putnam County Chamber's Business before Breakfast function at the Municipal Building went very well with about 32 in attendance.

Mayor Barrett reported that The Thrasher Group was tweaking the layout of the new sewer plant and that next month they were expecting to go before the WV Dept of Environmental Protection for approval and funding.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for December was 21.2 mg/L. He said that last year at this time, the reading was 28.7 mg/L.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Tim LaFon reported that he has no response to the brief that he sent in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D.)

City National Bank Audit: Tim Lafon stated he would be attending a meeting on January 5th.

Amend Article 741 B&O Tax to Allow Newly Annexed Businesses a One-year Exemption from the Tax. Steve Hanna moved to hold final reading and allow newly annexed sales and retail businesses a one year exemption from the tax. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2017-2018-4 2017 Replacement Pages. Kevin Karnes moved to hold second and final reading on replacement pages for Ordinance 2017-2018-4-2017 Replacement pages. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Vacant Property Ordinance 2017-2018-6 and Registration Form. Frank Bannister moved to hold second and final reading of Ordinance 2017-2018-6 for vacant property and registration form. Motion carried.

Second Reading to Amend Article 5 General Offenses by Adding Drug & Gang Houses. Kevin Karnes moved to hold second reading to amend Article 5 General Offenses to add drug & gang houses and to read –" the defendant will be fined not less than \$500". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Close City Hall on February 21, 2018 for Winfield's 150th Anniversary. Steve Hanna moved to close City Hall on February 21, 2018 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the City of Winfield. Motion carried.

High School Christmas Donation Request for Under-Privileged Students Frank Bannister moved to donate \$600 to Winfield High School for Christmas for under-privileged students in place of the funded "Shop with a Cop" program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder