

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

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

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Public and Guests. The Mayor commended the West Virginia State Little League Champions from Winfield who were introduced by their manager, Rudy Moulder and Coach Debbie Kimble. The Mayor congratulated them for a job well done and mentioned that the community appreciates the efforts of Mr. Moulder's company, Mouldergraph, for his contributions to Winfield sports over the years.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of September 2017 in the amount of 33,477.84 paid from Poca Valley Bank and the amount of \$25,825.41 paid from City National Bank be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of September 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

Financial (cont'd)

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for September 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report: Mayor Barrett welcomed the City's new Police Chief, Eddie Starcher, and conducted the Chief's swearing-in ceremony. Chief Starcher expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome and stated that he was happy to be part of Winfield's law enforcement team. He felt that everything had been in order when handed to him and he had a great group of young officers to work with him.

The Mayor stated that AEP had marked several trees in the city for cutting or trimming and that work was presently ongoing.

Mayor Barrett mentioned that he and Laura Cox, the city's former Planning Director, had met with Gov. Justice's aides concerning future grants for West Virginia cities. The next meeting was to be scheduled after the road bond passing and Mayor Barrett was optimistic about future grants.

The Mayor said that assistance to help remove the underground tanks on the Anderson property was not listed on the National list, but on another slower moving list and that information would not be forthcoming until May.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for September was 14.9 mg/L. He said that last year at this time, the reading was 18.4 mg/L. He stated that suspended solids were above limits for the past three months but it was not a fineable situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Tim Lafon stated that he felt the Westover annexation decision would help set the course of action in our annexation request. He noted that it would be a very short court session on October 11, due to time restraints, but he was going to request the annexation stay be released. He noted that due to the abbreviated court session, Council need not come unless they wished.

Unfinished Business (Cont'd.)

Core Drilling of Anderson Property to Determine Contamination.

Ryan Powers questioned if the property was presenting a danger to the community from a cave-in or noxious fumes. The Mayor stated that was not a problem. Upon recommendation of the Mayor and in light of the fact that information on the underground tanks on the Anderson Property would not be available until May, 2018, Kevin Karnes moved to table the Anderson property and remove the item from the agenda. Motion carried.

City National Bank Audit: Tim Lafon stated there was nothing new.

Ordinance 2017-2018-3 Amend Article 105.01 (b) Election Term from Two to Four Years. Ryan Powers moved to hold first reading of Ordinance 2017-2018-3 to amend Article 105.01 (b) Election Term from two to four years. Motion carried.

Adopt Senate Bill 631 as Winfield City Code. Kevin Karnes moved to hold second reading and adoption of Senate Bill 631 as Winfield City Code. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sale of Cemetery Lots – Bruce Brick. Since the city has first refusal rights to buy back cemetery lots in the City's cemetery, Bruce Brick came before Council to request that the city buy back two lots that he and his wife had purchased several years back. Joe Rumbaugh moved to buy back the lots at the purchased cost of \$400 each. Motion carried.

City Christmas Luncheon. The Mayor announced that the City would sponsor a Christmas luncheon for police, employees and elected officials on December 21 at the Community Center, if the Council approved. Kevin Karnes moved to have a Christmas Luncheon at the Community Center for employees, police and elected officials on December 21. Motion carried.

Discuss Amending the B & O Ordinance to Allow a Newly Annexed Business a One-Year Exemption from the Tax. Kevin Karnes moved to hold a first reading to allow a newly annexed business a one-year exemption from the tax. Frank Bannister voted No. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ryan Powers suggested allocating funds from the Coal Severance Fund to cover costs of having a photograph of the WV State Little League Champions placed somewhere in City Hall.

Sam Barnett said that the Winfield Hot Rod Hall of Fame was announced every day at the recent Rod Run & Doo Wop in Charleston.

Jackie Hunter commended Pizza Hut and McDonald's for donating pizza and coffee to the poll workers at the recent road bond election.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder