

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2017
6:00 pm.**

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Frank Bannister and Ryan Powers.

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

Public and Guests. Jonathan Carpenter of The Thrasher Group was in attendance to give an up-to-date presentation of the new wastewater plant to Council.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, the minutes of the August 8, 2017 Meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, the bills paid for the month of August 2017 in the amount of \$ 64,550.80 were approved.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections or questions, the financial statement for the month of August 2017 was approved.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, the Coal Severance Statement for August 2017 was approved.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report: Mayor Barrett announced that the new Police Chief, Eddie Starcher, would be assuming his duties next week. He stated that the Chief would hit the ground running by initiating a Narcan training class for new officers.

The Mayor reported that the Amish builders have completed two play structures at City Park. He mentioned that Phase I of the park will be completed by next week and that included the canoe launch which had already been utilized during the paddleboard races at Homecoming.

Mayor Barrett said that the Putnam County Commission donated \$820 to cover the cost of the kids Jump House at Homecoming.

The Mayor stated that all the preliminary work for the boat ramp has been accomplished and that the depth of the pylons was presently being investigated.

Mayor Barrett reported that Marsha Postle has volunteered many hours toward checking the Community Center to help maintain standards after every function and he wanted to publicly thank her for her efforts.

The Mayor reported that the audit report had been received from Fizer & Associates. He said that the City received a perfect report with the exception of one finding for segregation of duties, which would be an ongoing problem as the city could not afford to hire an employee to cover every duty that exists within administration.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for August was 3.77 mg/L. He said that last year at this time, the reading was 27.7 mg/L.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Tim Lafon stated that the Circuit Court Appeal on the annexation has been changed to Oct. 11th at 9:00 in Judge Reader's Courtroom.

Unfinished Business (cont'd)

Core Drilling of Anderson Property to Determine Contamination.

The Mayor noted that one of the buildings on the condemned property has been demolished. He stated that the buried tank removal was on the state's list to receive assistance but he didn't know the priority status. It was decided to wait for further information to proceed with the situation.

City National Bank Audit: Tim Lafon stated that the situation would probably have to go to Circuit Court.

Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2016-2017-16 Amend Article 1717.11 Building Permit Fees. Kevin Karnes moved to hold the third reading and adoption of Ordinance 2016-2017-16 to amend Article 1717.11 Building Permit Fees. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Date for Trick or Treat. Kevin Karnes moved that Trick or Treat should be held on October 31 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

Citizen Request to Have a Christmas Event on December 16, 2018. Justin Armstrong presented a schedule of events and requested permission of Council to have a Christmas Extravaganza on Main Street for Christmas of next year. He stated that it would take that long to proceed with arrangements. Steve Hanna moved to approve the request. Motion carried.

Request for a Law Enforcement Center at the Old Grocery Store. Paul Koerner, retired state trooper and Trooper Bob Mefford came before Council to present an idea for utilizing the old grocery store on Rt. 817 as a training location for law enforcement and possible firearm training for civilians. They stated that live ammunition would not be used. Joe Rumbaugh moved to pursue the idea. Motion carried.

Adopt Senate Bill 631 as Winfield City Code. Steve Hanna moved to approve the adoption of Senate Bill 631 with regard to dilapidated, unsafe structures as Winfield City Code. Motion carried.

Resolution – Road Bond Amendment. Since West Virginia Roads are in need of repair and in the light of taxes already in place to cover payment of a Road Bond, Joe Rumbaugh moved that the City of Winfield resolve that it is in support of the Road Bond Amendment and urging all citizens to vote on October 7, 2017. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Steve Hanna commended the Putnam County Homecoming Committee for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm, until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder