

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
March 13, 2018
6:30 pm.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the special meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

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

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

Public: Mayor Barrett conducted the swearing-in of the new Police Officer, Shane Higgenbotham. Officer Higgenbotham introduced himself to Council, relating that he fulfilled a time of service with the Marine Corps and returned to West Virginia for family reasons. He stated that he has been a pastor for fifteen years. Officer Higgenbotham has been through the Police Academy and has been employed at the Regional Jail.

Approval of Minutes. Ryan Powers moved that minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of February 2018 in the amount of \$54,100.78 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Financial Report for February 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL (CONT.D)

Coal Severance Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, the Coal Severance Report for February 2018 was approved.

2017-2018-3 General Fund Budget Revision. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the General Fund Budget Revision 2017-2018-3 be approved as follows. Motion carried.

Expenditures:

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
975	General Gov.	5,000		5,000	
977	Street & Trans.	3,000		3,000	
437	Planning/Zoning	15,500		7,050	8,450
976	Public Safety		10,550		10,550
436	Bldg. Inspec.	28,382		1,500	26,882
420	Engineering	7,000	1,500		8,500
903	Fair/Assoc./Festival	1,500	4,500		6,000
417	City Atty.	45,250		9,500	35,750
700	Police Dept.	427,590	5,000		432,590
721	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	25,330	4,500		29,830

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:**Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

Chief Starcher reported that Officer Higgenbotham would be undergoing FTO training with Officer Thompson for twelve weeks. He stated that five or six individuals were being tested in preparation for future needs.

The Chief noted that Officer Coey would be going on light duty in May and through courtesy of the Prosecutor's Office, she would be attending training at WV State in a course entitled "Finding Words".

Reports, Questions & Discussions (cont'd)

She will also be in meetings for MDT (abuse cases and domestic violence). He said there was a possibility that Officer Coey could be assigned to Winfield Elementary and Winfield Middle School as a PRO Officer, and hopefully with school funding.

Chief Starcher said that in May, the Prosecutor's Office was also funding Tactical Training through a private company for the Winfield Police Department. It would involve two hours of range training and six hours reacting in different situations. The only cost to the Police Department would be for ammunition.

The Chief stated that due to some cars being broken into during games at the High School, he hoped to have one officer in the parking lot at all times.

Mayor Barrett reported that spring clean-up for the city would be May 19-20. The location is to be decided later.

The Mayor announced that a company wanted to do a free demo and repair a sidewalk in front of the Post Office. He said another company wanted to do a free survey to repair sidewalks and give a bid price to Council at a later date.

Mayor Barrett said that there was a possibility that AEP would help with the removal of the tree next to the Fire Department.

The Mayor reported that there was to be a pre-bid meeting for the boat ramp on March 21st at 10:00. He said he has the bid specs and plans and that contractor bids should open in April and actual work on the boat ramp could begin in May.

The Mayor also noted that closing on the old grocery store should be at the end of the month.

Mayor Barrett said that the city was still working on the MS-4 program and that a rain garden may be involved in the city Boat Ramp project.

Reports, Questions & Discussions (cont'd)

The Mayor stated that the Baptist Church recent flooding problem was due in part to a pump failing at the plant lift station, and the church's plumber opening up a check valve with a snake. He noted that the Sanitary Board recently voted to purchase equipment that would alert workers when a pump goes down, thus eliminating this problem from occurring in the future.

Mayor Barrett announced that plans for the new sewer plant had been turned over to The West Virginia Department of Environment Protection for approval. The Mayor also stated that he, Bill Harper and Rod Burns would be accompanying Jonathan Carpenter to Chicago to visit an SBR plant in operation.

Mayor Barrett said that he was having trouble coordinating the celebration of the 150th birthday of Winfield, but he was considering correlating it with the 1st Saturday in June to coincide with the already scheduled cruze-in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion: Tim LaFon stated that the Judge had decided to turn the case back over to the Putnam County Commission to be reworked. He mentioned that Mayor Barrett wanted the County Commission to reimburse the city for out of pocket expense from the first case, since they failed to record the proceedings. Steve Hanna moved to go forward with the annexation process. Motion carried.

City National Bank Audit: Tim LaFon said that he had found that City National had never paid B&O Tax on interest from loans and investments, which he entirely disagreed with and he is preparing a lawsuit against them

NEW BUSINESS

Opening of Mowing Bids: Bids were as follows:

Johnny's Lawn Service	\$2,160
Green's Residential	\$2,665
Bolt's	\$2,385
VMB, LLC	\$6,210

Frank Bannister moved to accept Johnny's Lawn Service as lowest bidder. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D).

Appoint New BZA Members. At the Mayor's recommendation, Joe Rumbaugh moved to approve Dave Maddox to the Board of Zoning Appeals, with a term of two years that commenced January 2018. Motion carried.

At the Mayor's recommendation, Frank Bannister moved to approve Chris Shearer to the Board of Zoning Appeals, with a term of two years that commenced January 2018. Motion carried.

Gale Ardman Request to Sell Cemetery Lot Back to City. Ryan Powers moved to buy back the cemetery lot previously purchased by Gale Ardman at the original purchase price of \$900. Motion carried.

Change April Meeting to 3rd Tuesday – Lay of Levy. Steve Hanna moved to change April's Council meeting to April 17, 2018 in order to coincide with the date for laying of the levy. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder