MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2016
6:00 pm.

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on March 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Public: Jean Anne Luikart, Candidate for Putnam County Magistrate, introduced herself to Council.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Frank Bannister moved that the minutes of February 9th regular meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Steve Hanna moved that the bills paid for the month of February 2016 in the amount of 64,715.23 be approved. Motion carried.

General **Fund Financial Statements.** Hearing no objections, Frank Bannister moved that the financial statement for the month of February 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections, the minutes for the Coal Severance Statement for February 2016 were approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report
Chief Eggleton reported numbers for the period of January and February as follows:
Traffic Stops – 276; Citations Issued – 71; Arrests – 11; Total Calls for Service – 378

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (cont'd).
The Chief also noted that he has applied for an $8,000 grant to provide cameras for all police vehicles and that there were at present only 2 vehicles in operation.

Mayor Barrett announced that the generator has been installed at the Community Center and that grants from Homeland Security have been sought to help cover the cost of the generators for the Community Center and City Hall.

The Mayor said that the recent Health Fair was a success with many attending and that CAMC planned to have one next year.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report

John Hodges stated that the sewer plant ammonia reading for February was 17.0 mg/L and last year's reading was 23.7 mg/L.

The Mayor reported that the new sewer plant design should be completed in April and that it was his hope that the City of Winfield would be ranked higher on the WV DEP Priority List to be approved for a 1% loan for construction of the plant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion – City Attorney Tim LaFon stated that there was nothing new to report.

Purchase of two lots for Widening of Second Street for City Park. Attorney Tim LaFon reported that a final hearing date was not set yet.

Employee Handbook Update/Changes. Mayor Barrett stated that due to the budget preparation process, there was not enough time to work on any Handbook changes.

Opening of Mowing Bid Packets.
Mayor Barrett presented the bids for the upcoming 2016 – 2017 mowing season. Only two bids were received as follows:

Johnny's Lawn Service - $2,367/mo.
Bolts Lawn Service - $3,045/mo.

Frank Bannister moved to retain the services of Johnny's Lawn Service at $2,367/mo. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business (cont'd.)

Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-2016-8 Street Obstructions.
Steve Hanna moved to hold second reading of Ordinance 2015-2016-8 Street Obstructions. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Traffic Code Ordinance for "Failure to Appear". After discussion, Attorney Tim LaFon is to review the current ordinance to see if changes are needed.

Discuss Leasing Two New Police Cars.
Chief Eggleton stated that he had arranged to lease 2 more vehicles at a cost of $7,634.49/month which had already been included in the budget.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Frank Bannister asked about the old grocery store on Rt. 817. The Mayor stated that an art teacher for children was making arrangements to rent part of the building, and that a possible pharmacy was under consideration for another part of the building.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 pm. until the next scheduled meeting.

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Randy L Barrett, Mayor **Jackie Hunter, Recorder**