

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Public: Sam Barnett of the Municipal Building Commission and Dana Campbell of the Planning Commission were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, minutes of the December meeting were approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, the bills paid for the month of December in the amount of \$47,331.39 were approved.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections, or questions, the financial statement for the month of December 2015 was approved.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections, or questions, the Coal Severance Statement for December 2015 was approved.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Chief Eggleton had no report.

Reports, Question & Discussions (Cont'd).

The Mayor reported that street signs and stop signs have been placed in Radwin.

Mayor Barrett also mentioned that a hardware store will be going in the strip mall across from McDonalds in March.

The Mayor stated that a generator should be installed at the Community Center this month, enabling the Center to be used as an emergency shelter.

Mayor Barrett said that the City of Winfield came in 6th place on the 10 Safest Cities in West Virginia. He said the Council should be commended because of their vote to have 24 hour police coverage in the city which he thought contributed to Winfield making the list for the second year.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report

John Hodges stated that results for the month of December were 20.6 mg/L, which was in compliance, since WV DEP was raising the limits to 30 mg/L.

The Mayor said that the city has started paying fines levied by the WV DEP for past ammonia levels being high.

The Mayor stated that inflow of storm water in the sewer system was being checked along Rt. 817 near the Day Report office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion – Tim LaFon stated that all briefs have to be in by February and one issue is that all parties involved have to be free holders or own property in the area being annexed.

Purchase of two lots for Widening of Second Street for City Park.

Tim Lafon reported that the property in mention is available to the city next month, but the cost is still an issue. An appraiser will be needed to determine the value of the property.

Unfinished Business (cont'd).

Employee Handbook Update/Changes.

Frank Bannister moved to leave the section of the employee handbook that was presented to Council as is, except for replacing the word "City" in place of "Town". Motion carried.

Amend Article 737 Public Utility Tax - Tim Lafon stated he is expecting a decision on who is subject to the Public Utility Tax presently being levied on Winfield Citizens but if the decision doesn't come by next month, Council will have to make a decision in order to make the tax retro-active to the beginning of the Fiscal year.

Ordinance 2015-2016-7 Text Amendment to Article 1309.2 Street Specifications.

Article 1309.2 (c) Concrete streets shall have a minimum thickness of Six (6) inches. Steve Hanna moved to hold second reading on corrected Article above. Motion carried.

Discuss Selling Property in Front of Wastewater Plant. The Mayor reported that there are now two parties interested in buying both pieces of land in front of the wastewater plant. He stated that he could report more next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – Land & Water Conservation Grant

The Common Council of the City of Winfield West Virginia hereby recognizes the requirement of local matching funds and confirms their availability, in the amount of \$80,000 from the City of Winfield General Fund cash reserve; and that the conditions of the agreement are accepted and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Agreement and any other documents necessary to obtain and/or administer these funds on behalf of the City Council, and review by the city Attorney. Motion was made by Steve Hanna to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Appoint Sean Lloyd to the Planning Commission

Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Joe Rumbaugh moved to appoint Sean Lloyd to the Planning Commission for a term of three years, commencing January 2016. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Barrett commended the Winfield Fire Department for their participation in all the Christmas activities. He said the city would be presenting a \$5,000 donation to the Fire Department next month. Ryan Powers expressed his appreciation to the city for taking part in the recent DUI check point.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder