

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

Members Attending. Randy Barrett, Mayor; Steve Hanna, Dana Campbell, Kevin Karnes, and Joe Rumbaugh, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder. Councilman, Ryan Powers attended via telephone.

Staff Present. Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer; Eddie Starcher, Police Chief and Ritchie Ferguson, City Maintenance. City Counsel, Tim LaFon attended via telephone.

Public and Guests. Mykle White with the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department and Delbert Brannon, Commander of American Legion Post 187, Winfield, made presentations below.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the bills paid for the month of January 2020 in the amount of \$49,731.87. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Financial Statement for the month of January 2020 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for January 2020 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report:

Chief Starcher reported:

All the officers qualified with the new weapons. Newly hired Officer Garcelon will be attending the academy in June.

Several shoplifters were apprehended, the Dairy Freeze perpetrators pleaded guilty and one is on the run.

Mayor Barrett reported:

Tina Woollard was introduced as the City's new employee to replace Gloria Chapman who will be retiring.

The FEMA Grant was received to provide a generator for City Hall. A check will be cut to the city for \$36,400 to cover the turn-key project, which will include running a gas line to the building, since City Hall is electric.

The TransCanada Grant for \$27,000 was signed this week. If received, a shelter will be built on the boat ramp side of the Community Center similar to the shelter already in place, but with no facilities.

Phase V of the Winfield Streetscape project has been released. The Mayor stated that he met with Mark Scoular with the WV Division of Highways as to when the project will start up again.

The Land & Water Conservation grant payment of \$37,500 from WV Development office was received today.

The bid opening for the new SBR plant resulted in a low bid of \$ 6,320,000 and the contractor was Hayslett Construction.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Ritchie Ferguson reported that readings for the ammonia levels for January and February have not been completed because of so much rain. Their monthly work included inspection of some manholes that needed repairs, installed a net at the basketball court to keep balls from going in the river, completed bathroom fixtures in the park, had the snow plow repaired, worked on a lift station on Winfield Avenue, and cleaned out a manhole on Garfield Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation. No Report.

Street Committee Report. The Mayor stated that in Woodland Forest needs to be ground and repaved and he has received updated estimates for the work. In addition, estimates have been given for Berry Hills and the turn around on Westland. The corner of 2nd Street and Ferry Street will also need attention.

Building Permit Fees and B & O Tax. No report

Second Reading and Adoption Ord. 2019-2020-8 Revise Article 1717.11 Remove (b) Inspection Fees. Dana Campbell moved to hold second reading and adoption of the above revised Article 1717.11. Motion carried.

GSA Account- Fire Dept/Mykle White. The city would not be able to set up a GSA account for the fire department, but they could help save money by paying their phone bill since both the city and Fire Department are with Sprint. Kevin Karnes moved to allocate \$1,990 of the \$5,000 budgeted for this fiscal year for the Fire Department to go toward their telephone bill. Motion carried.

Second Reading Ord. 2019-2020-6 Sewer Board Ordinance- Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2020A for New SBR Plant. Steve Hanna moved to hold second reading for the above ordinance. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department of Financial Needs for Upcoming year. Mykle White, the Deputy Fire Chief of the Winfield Fire Department, described the work of the firefighters and gave a presentation on the needs of the Fire Department, which included buying a commercial washer and firefighter's turnout gear drying cabinet. This equipment provides a way to keep toxic material from going into the homes of the firefighters. He mentioned that the department's new ISO rating provides a reduction in the cost of homeowners insurance for those within 5 miles of the fire department.

Set Date for Budget Work Session. After discussion, Steve Hanna motioned that the budget work session be set for March 9th at 5:00 pm.

Advertise for Mowing Bids for City Property for 2020-2021 Season. Dana Campbell moved to advertise for Mowing bids for City Property. Motion carried.

Ord. 2019-2020-7 Revision to 2015 Rate Increase Ordinance-change Start Date for the Second Increment of Sewer Rate Increase. Steve Hanna moved to hold first reading of the above Ord. 2019-2020-7 revision. Motion carried.

Donation to James E. Marshall Post 187 of the American Legion. Mr. Delbert Brannon, Commander of the American Legion Post 187 of Winfield, spoke on the Mountaineer Boys State and Rhododendron Girls State programs. The programs teach leadership skills, the study of government and individual obligations to the community, and the safeguarding of our freedoms. Commander Brannon asked the Council to consider donating the cost of one boy and one girl attending this program. Kevin Karnes moved to donate \$250 for the Boys State and \$250 for the Girls State. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Steve Hanna moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder