

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 14, 2016  
6:00 pm.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on June 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**ABSENT:** Joe Rumbaugh

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

**Public:** Marsha Postle of Cash Lane spoke on behalf of the Winfield Seniors, expressing their appreciation to the city for providing the Community/Senior Citizens building for their dinners.

**Approval of Minutes.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the April 28, 2016 special meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Hearing no objections or questions, Steve Hanna moved that the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of May 2016 in the amount of 58,730.67 be approved. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statements.** Hearing no objections, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of May 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

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

**Audit Report for Y/E 6/30/15.** Gloria Chapman reported that the city was given a qualified opinion, which is the highest grade you can receive for an audit. The only "finding" was for segregation of duties, which is unavoidable because small cities cannot hire enough staff to do each duty separately.

### **Audit Report for Y/E 6/30/15 (Cont'd).**

Mayor Barrett explained that up to this past audit, the state had been providing the auditor for the city. This year, the city had to put out bids for an independent auditor and the cost was considerably less than the state had charged.

## **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

### **Police and Municipal Staff Report**

Chief Eggleton reported that the city's PRO Officer, Captain Young, had been located in a section of Winfield High School that was not readily accessible. After discussions, it was decided to move him to an office closer to the front of the school where he would be more front line and accountable.

The Chief noted that most of the equipment from the old police cars had been moved to the new cars, but the light bars did not work. He said that the Charleston Police Department had donated their two-year old light bars to the Winfield Police Department. Chief Eggleton said all other details have been covered and the cars should be on the road by July 1. The Chief stated that he has one car designated for day shift and one for night shift so that all miles and accountability could be tracked.

Mayor Barrett explained that the old police cars can be sold and the money returned to the Police Department's budget. The cars can be sold outright for less than \$1,000 but if they are considered of more value, they would have to be advertised and put out for bids, with anyone eligible to bid. The Chief added that each car had around 150,000 miles accumulated.

The Mayor reported that he had met three times within the last month, with the WV Department of Environmental Protection on negotiations on the Federally mandated, but unfunded MS-4 Program for pollution from storm water. The deadline was to comply by August or ask for a waiver. He stated that the Sanitary Board was going to fill out registration papers for the SRA Program, which is a cut down program for smaller cities and ask for an extension. Mayor Barrett noted that there was some money left over from the Storm Water Loan that could help defray costs.

### **Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report**

John Hodges stated that the sewer plant reading for May was 20.6 mg/l and last year's reading was 12.7 mg/l.

### **Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report (cont'd)**

Frank Bannister asked if there was just one retention pond at the sewer plant. John explained that there was an aeration pond and a settling pond.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Annexation Discussion.** Attorney Tim LaFon stated that he expected a decision from the Supreme Court on a similar minor boundary situation by October.

**Purchase of two lots for Widening of Second Street for City Park.** Tim LaFon noted that there was nothing new to report.

**Core Drilling of Anderson Property to Determine Contamination.** The Mayor stated the situation was presently on hold.

**Employee Handbook Update/Changes.** Frank Bannister moved to accept the updates and changes made to the employee handbook with the exception of adding the motion made by Ryan Powers to add to the "Workplace Violence Prevention" section of the handbook that the city would prohibit firearms in the Municipal Building, with the exception for city employees that have a carry permit and have authorization of the Mayor and Police Chief to carry their weapon on city property. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2016 Replacement Pages.** Steve Hanna moved to accept the 2016 Replacement Pages. Motion carried.

**Ordinance Regarding Carrying Weapons Into Winfield Municipal Building.** Ryan Powers moved to ban firearms and dangerous weapons from all city buildings, except to exclude those employees in good standing who are authorized by the Mayor and Chief of Police.

**Sponsor Dinner for Senior Citizens at the Community Center.** Jackie Hunter stated that bids had been requested and that \$750 would be sufficient to cover the cost of a picnic for the Winfield Seniors. Kevin Karnes moved to approve a \$750 donation to provide a picnic for the Winfield Seniors, providing a donation form was filled out requesting the money to come from the donation budget for the new fiscal year. Motion carried.

**Public Forum Regarding New Wastewater Plant at the Beginning of the July Council Meeting.** The Mayor asked the Council's opinion about holding a public forum to discuss the status of the new wastewater plant just prior to the regular council meeting in July. He said that the engineer could present drawings of the design and answer questions along with the accountant. Frank Bannister moved to hold a Public Forum prior to the regular Council Meeting on July 12, 2016. Motion carried.

Ryan Powers moved to go into executive session at 7:05 pm.

Ryan Powers stated that he would like the subject discussed brought before Council at the regularly scheduled meeting in July. No action was taken.

Return to the regular meeting from executive session at 7:23 pm.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. until the next scheduled meeting.

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**Randy L Barrett, Mayor**

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**Jackie Hunter, Recorder**