

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Public and Guests None Speaking.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the January 9, 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 January 2018 in the amount of \$32,112.30 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of January 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for January 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report: Police Chief Eddie Starcher reported that the Police Department had terminated Officer Michael Longerbeam due to a domestic abuse situation. He stated that the part time staff is still being utilized.

Mayor Barrett stated that design plans for the old grocery store location on Rt. 817 were incomplete at the last meeting.

Mayor Barrett reported that Thrasher had delivered plans and specs of the new sewer plant and had given them to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for their approval upon which we will receive a Binding Letter of Commitment, which could take up to 6 weeks. Once that is received, the design plans would then go to the Public Service for approval and while awaiting approval, Thrasher would be working on financing. With regard to the Engineering Agreement with The Thrasher Group, the Mayor mentioned that there were still four items in the Agreement that were being negotiated.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for January was 16.6 mg/L. He said that last year at this time, the reading was 17.2 mg/L.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Attorney Tim LaFon reported that Judge Reader had stated that he would make a decision on how to proceed in two weeks.

City National Bank Audit: Attorney Tim Lafon reported that a final meeting would be held on February 21st.

Revise Holiday Pay for Employees. Ryan Powers moved to accept the revised holiday pay for employees with the added language, "and have regularly been scheduled to work on the holiday" on Page 9 of the Winfield Employee Handbook under the "Holidays" section. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertise Mowing Bids. Steve Hanna moved to proceed with advertising for mowing bids. Motion carried.

Consider Separate Mowing Bid for Cemetery. Frank Bannister moved that a separate mowing bid for the cemetery should not be considered. Motion carried.

Set Date for Budget Meeting. Steve Hanna moved to hold the Budget Meeting date to be at 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2018 just prior to the regularly scheduled March Council meeting. Motion carried.

Purchase Guns for Raffle at 150th Anniversary Celebration. Ryan Powers moved to order one 22 Long Rifle for inspection, at the cost of \$600 and printing on the receiver as commemorated by the Council. Motion carried.

Consider Hiring Uncertified Police Officer. Chief Starcher stated that the goal for hiring uncertified Officers was to get them to stay longer. He noted that presently the cost of the Police Academy, \$1600, and salary or wages were being lost from officers moving out of the department after completing the Academy. Ryan Powers moved to consider hiring uncertified police officers. Motion carried.

Consider Contracts for New Police Officers. Kevin Karnes moved to approve using a contract for new officers and Attorney Tim Lafon will write the contract. Motion carried.

Resolution – Controlled Substances Have Created a Public Nuisance.

Kevin Karnes moved that the Council of the City of Winfield, West Virginia declare and adopt the Resolution stating that opiate abuse has created a serious public health and safety crisis in Winfield, West Virginia and is a Public Nuisance. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder