

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2018
6:00 pm.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on August 14, 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 and Joe Rumbaugh, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

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

Absent: Ryan Powers

Public and Guests: Greg Winter spoke about his concerns that houses adjacent to the boat ramp project were being covered with dirt and dust from the construction. Mayor Barrett said he would speak with the DNR reps when they met the following week regarding this.

Approval of Minutes: Hearing no objections or questions, Frank Bannister moved that the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Kevin Karnes moved that the bills paid for the month of July 2018 in the amount of \$51,356.92 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections or questions, Kevin Karnes moved that the Financial Statement for the month of July 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Steve Hanna moved the Coal Severance Statement for July 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report:

Chief Starcher commended Kevin Young for receiving the West Virginia PRO Officer of the year award and he stated that this is the first time a Putnam County officer has received this award.

The Chief mentioned that Officer Oiler had resigned to go to the Hurricane Police Department. He said that the current Police Department contract was being revised.

He informed Council that Officer Coey-Powell had just been married.

Chief Starcher said that In-Service Training has been held at the Winfield Police Department and the instructor was giving the mandatory yearly In-Service Training to Winfield officers for free in return for using Winfield's facilities.

The Chief noted that he would be attending the mandatory Chief's In-Service Training in Morgantown.

Mayor Barrett stated that approval for the grant for the two PRO officers for year 2018-2019 looks promising, and the \$18,000 from last year has been released and will be paid to the City shortly.

The Mayor mentioned that the boat ramp should be completed by the first of the year and that there would be a meeting next week on the progress of the project.

Mayor Barrett informed Council that the County Commission had awarded the city an 80-20 grant of \$7200 for inclusive playground equipment for the Park adjacent to the Community Center.

He shared the Putnam County Homecoming schedule and stated that a lot of new things had been added and that a larger church service was expected.

The Mayor said that the Cross Roads Church had moved their annual Back Pack Celebration to Main Street this year due to a soccer game being held at the high school.

Police and Municipal Staff Report (Cont'd.)

Mayor Barrett said that all has been approved and that next week work should start again at the old grocery store site.

The Mayor noted that the Street Scape project has not received a purchase order to proceed. He said the WV DOH still needs information concerning the building to be built on the old store site.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for June was 1.34 mg/L. He said that last year at this time, the reading was 17.6 mg/L. He said there was no explanation of why it was so low in June.

The Mayor reported that The Thrasher Group was in the process of applying for the USDA loan on the RD Apply website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Tim LaFon said that the next hearing would be October 25th at 5:30 pm. in Judge Reeder's court room.

National Bank Audit. Tim LaFon said that it would still be a couple of months, since he is waiting on two other cities to compile their information.

Make the Police Department Handbook Separate from the City Employee Handbook. Steve Hanna moved to accept the Police Department's policy for compensatory Day Off Duty as presented with the correction that all CDO or extra days off will be taken within 60 days, rather than 90 days of when the holiday was earned. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Making City Parks No Smoking Zone. Frank Bannister moved to table the discussion in order to look at Hurricane's policy. Motion carried.

New Business (Cont'd.)

Vote on County Clerk Wording for Ballot on Changing Elections from a Two-year Term to Four-year Term. Steve Hanna moved to approve the wording for the fall 2018 ballot to read as follows:

“ELECTION - The present charter states that the City of Winfield’s Mayor, City Council and Recorder are presently elected for two-year terms. A yes vote hereunder is to revise the charter to extend these terms to four years to be effective initially for the January 2019 term (January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022.” Motion carried.

Vote on Ed Dawson – Appointment to Municipal Building Commission. Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Joe Rumbaugh moved to appoint Ed Dawson to the Municipal Building Commission to serve a vacated position commencing August 14, 2018 and expiring January 2019. Motion carried.

Dry Cleaning of Police Uniforms. Chief Starcher asked Council’s agreement to reallocate line items on the budget to dry clean one police uniform per month as an incentive to retain police officers. He stated that each cleaning would cost \$9.25 and be picked up on site. Kevin Karnes moved to reallocate line items to cover dry cleaning. Motion carried.

Additions to Police Contract for New Officers. Kevin Karnes moved to approve a new police contract that added a complete outline of the expenses incurred by new officers and how they should be paid back if an officer resigns prematurely. Motion carried.

Audio/Video Recordings of City Board Meetings. Steve Hanna made a motion to approve an ordinance directing how city board meetings would be recorded and videoed and stating that audio and/or visual recordings by the public would be prohibited. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder

