

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 9, 2018  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on October 9, 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:** Mr. Greg Winter of #3 Bridge Street had comments regarding retention pond problems at the Boat ramp.

Mike Larson of 344 Cash Lane, commented regarding addiction center ordinance.

Tony Gillispie, Winfield Fire Chief, gave a brief report on the financial status of the Fire Department and recently received grants. He mentioned that each fire department has an OSI standing that affects the insurance rate of home owners within a five mile radiance. Gillispie stated that Winfield Fire Department's OSI has recently dropped from six to five, which would lower those home owner's insurance rates within a five mile radiance. He reported that the standing was very close to a four rating, but was held back partly due to no pre-planning of buildings. Gillispie stated that the mayor could intervene by having required standards of pre-planning met earlier than the next rating period, which would ordinarily be three years from now.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of September 2018 in the amount of \$58,685.79 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

### **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

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

Chief Starcher reported that Officer Coey-Powell would be returning to work in January and that Officer Luke Mullins was leaving the department. He stated that he had several applications for the vacancy and that testing would be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Chief said that Officer Bogle would be sworn in on Thursday by Judge Tyree at City Court and that Officer Bogle has been doing a good job while training. He noted that First Alert training for officers would be coming up soon.

The Chief mentioned that all went well during Winfield High School's Homecoming and the preceding parade.

Chief Starcher also reported that there would be a drug drop-off at City Hall and the Courthouse on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Barrett reported that there would be a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Olde Town Square the first of December. A bake sale, at that time, would be held to benefit the "Shop With a Cop" program.

#### **Police and Municipal Staff Report (Cont'd):**

Mayor Barrett said the boat ramp construction has been held up due to rain and they have not been able to have an up-date meeting for about three weeks.

The Mayor noted that the Building Commission voted to proceed with plans to widen 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for the boat ramp by trading an adjacent city-owned alley for a resident's property that borders on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The price of \$2,500 is being negotiated for the other property on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Garfield that borders on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He said that WVA American Water has already moved the water meters, which is part of the project and will not be a cost to the City.

He also stated that construction of the building at the old store location on Main Street has a new designer, but the owners are having trouble finding workers.

Mayor Barrett said that last year's JAG grant has been in the hands of the Division of Justice for about six weeks, but they still have not paid us. The JAG grant helps to provide PRO officers in schools.

**Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report:** John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for August was 23.8 mg/L. The reading for July was 1.34 mg/L and last year's reading was 1.34 mg/L. He reiterated that there was no explanation for the differences since everything is always done the same way and as recommended.

The Mayor reported that the MS-4 inspection at the plant went well, and that the new lift station at the High School is complete, except for completing the check list items.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Annexation Discussion.** Tim Lafon reported that the hearing has been moved to January 2019.

**City National Bank Audit.** Tim LaFon stated that it would be two more months for other entities have completed their work.

### **Unfinished Business (Cont'd).**

**Second Reading Ord. 2018-2019-1 Text Amend Article 121.03 (h) Media Broadcast.** Tim LaFon stated that after speaking to the WV Ethics Commission lawyer, she stated that she agreed with his interpretation that their Code does not address the general public recording of open meetings. She advised Attorney LaFon to write a request for a formal opinion/ruling on the matter .

**Consider Making City Parks No Smoking Zone.** Steve Hanna moved to order 5 or 6 signs, as many as needed, with "no smoking area" wording. Councilman Hanna rescinded the motion and it was tabled until an ordinance can be written.

**Adopt Ordinance Prohibiting Addiction Treatment Centers.** The Mayor explained that this ordinance is in draft form and that it was being considered to keep narcotics

from being dispensed to addicts coming into the City. Councilman Karnes felt that some misinformation had been circulated and he hoped that this helped to clarify the question. Mr. Larson of 355 Cash Lane had questioned Council earlier during the Public's speaking section of the meeting. Kevin Karnes moved to table for further clarification. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of Current Website Vendor.** Discussion was held on the vendor not always posting information that was forwarded from the City. The Mayor stated that the vendor was the owner of the City's domain. Frank Bannister moved to authorize the Mayor to see how much it would cost the City to buy back the domain from the vendor. Motion carried.

**Donation of Electronic Sign from Winfield Volunteer Fire Dept.** After discussion, motion was made by Kevin Karnes to have the Mayor research the cost of bringing the sign up to date. Motion carried.

**Resolution Supporting Home Rule.** Frank Bannister moved for the City of Winfield to resolve to support Home Rule. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER.** The Mayor wanted to clarify that the City paid \$ 773,000, including building improvements, for the present City Hall; and not \$1,000,000, as had been quoted.

Councilman Rumbaugh thanked the City workers for cleaning up the High School area by cutting weeds, etc. before the recent Homecoming. He also thanked Chief Starcher for his department being present during the ongoing "Battle of the Seat Belt" being held between the county schools.

Councilman Karnes mentioned again what Mayor Barrett had stated regarding the purchase of the Municipal Building, and expressed his opinion that it was good to see a good public turnout for this Council Meeting. He stated that if more people attended Council Meetings, there would be less misinformation circulating among the citizens of Winfield.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:19 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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**Randy L Barrett, Mayor**

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**Jackie Hunter, Recorder**