

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2018
6:00 pm**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Frank Bannister and City Attorney, Tim LaFon.

Staff Present: Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer; Eddie Starcher, Police Chief and John Hodges, Public Works Director.

Public and Guests None speaking.

Approval of Minutes Hearing no objections or questions, Steve Hanna moved that the minutes of the November 13, 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 November 2018 in the amount of \$55,906.83 be approved. Motion carried.

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

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Kevin Karnes moved the Coal Severance Statement for November 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report.

The Chief mentioned that Officer Higginbotham would be graduating from the Academy on December 14th and that Officer Bogle will be starting at the Academy on January 14th.

He stated that Officer Coey-Powell would be returning to work on January 3rd as PRO Officer at the Middle School and Elementary School for the Spring Semester.

Chief Starcher noted that Captain Young's DOT inspection was very satisfactory.

The Chief stated that In-Service training would be conducted in Winfield during the month of January by Don Underwood and that this training would be free to Winfield. He added that he would be attending In-Service training at Beckley on the 19th of January and that a P.T. test would be held at Winfield on January 20th, given by retired trooper, Robert Medford. The Chief stated that this would also be free to Winfield officers.

Chief Starcher said that the City had budgeted \$750 to be used for the "Shop with a Cop Program". Plans were to meet at Walmart on December 17th to do the shopping.

Mayor Barrett voiced his displeasure that there has been no written confirmation of rewarding the City the two \$20,000 PRO grants for 2018-2019 school year.

He reported that Port Amhurst would be working on the rip-rap for the boat dock until the first of the year, at which time, work would be pretty much shut down except for possibly laying some gravel if there is an open window. He noted that the project should be completed sometime in May.

The Mayor said that the old grocery store project is proceeding a little at a time with no finish date set.

He stated that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony was postponed because of rain and the City workers had to pitch in to help trim the tree, but that it went well for a first time effort.

Mayor Barrett said that the Sewer Plant plans are still in progress and that Tim LaFon is currently working on the lawsuit against Chapman Engineering.

The Mayor stated that the recent election cost the city \$1,800 which was a huge savings from what it cost when the city was conducting its own election.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for December was 23.3 mg/L. The reading for this time last year was 21.2 mg/L

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion The Mayor reported that the hearing has been moved to January 31 at 5:30.

City National Bank Audit. Nothing new to report.

Second Reading Ord. 2018-2019-1 Text Amend Article 121.03 (h) Media Broadcast
Tabled until City Counsel, Tim LaFon, is present.

Second Reading and Adoption Ord. 2018-2019-5 Text Amend Article 1361.04 Off-Street Parking Ryan Powers moved to hold the second reading and adoption of Ord. 2018-2019-5 amending the text in Article 1361-04 to exempt Main Street from the off-street parking requirements. Motion carried.

Ord. 2018-2019-6 Addiction Treatment Centers Prohibited Ryan Powers moved to hold the second reading with wording changed to “Addiction Centers shall include entities that utilize prescription medications” in place of “entities that prescribe narcotics”. Motion carried.

Review of Current Website Vendor Mayor Barrett reported that he and Gloria Chapman held a discussion with the current vendor and it was decided that there should be a change in format for security reasons and that various add-ons could enable content to be added directly from City Hall. “True View” was introduced during the discussion, which is a program that would help the city’s website to advertise the Community Center. Kevin Karnes moved to accept the “True View” contract as written and incorporate the program into the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Planning Commission Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Joe Rumbaugh moved to appoint Dave Dean to the Planning Commission for a term of two years, commencing on January 1, 2019. Ryan Powers abstained. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Kevin Karnes moved to appoint Jason Crane to the Planning Commission for a term of two years, commencing January 1, 2019.

Ryan Powers abstained. Motion carried.

Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Steve Hanna moved to appoint Kim Porter to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of two years, commencing on January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Steve Hanna moved to appoint Bernard Turley to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of two years, commencing on January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Ryan Powers moved to appoint Dave Maddox to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of two years, commencing on January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the mayor, Ryan Powers moved to appoint Chris Shearer to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of two years, commencing on January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

JAG OFFICER IN Winfield Grade School & Middle School. The Mayor asked Council if they would approve taking out \$18,000 from the city budget to use as a starter to get the Board of Education to match the funds to provide a PRO officer in the Middle and Elementary Schools for the Spring Semester. He stated that the funds have been approved by the Division of Justice from last year, and a check should be arriving soon. Ryan Powers moved to spend the \$18,000 from city funds to make that happen and replenish the \$18,000 with the promised grant. Motion carried.

Insurance Probationary Period for Police Officer. After discussion, Ryan Powers moved that if a new police officer has PEIA Insurance, that he be allowed to continue his insurance with PEIA and roll over when hired by the City of Winfield. Motion carried.

Ryan Powers also made motion that Police Officers and all new employees be eligible to sign up for PEIA insurance upon being hired. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Ryan Powers moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder

