

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

May 14, 2019

6:00 pm

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

Members Attending Randy Barrett, Mayor; Steve Hanna, Dana Campbell, Kevin Karnes and Joe Rumbaugh, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder. Ryan Powers was present via telephone.

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

Public and Guests Taylor Vance spoke on behalf of her father, Dale Vance, explaining all that her father had contributed to the City of Winfield and asking Council to reconsider purchasing the Bowyer property adjacent to City Hall.

Approval of Minutes Hearing no objections or questions, Joe Rumbaugh moved that the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid: Hearing no objections or questions, the bills paid for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$53,691.57 was approved.

General Fund Financial Statements: Hearing no objections or questions, Joe Rumbaugh moved that the Financial Statement for the month of April 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement: Hearing no objections or questions, Joe Rumbaugh moved that the Coal Severance Statement for April 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report:

Chief Starcher reported:

Students at the Trade School touched up the paint on the new cruiser for the cost of paint.

Officers attended a free class on Vascular Restraints, sponsored by Hurricane and the Sheriff's Dept. All officers were qualified.

There were several DUI and outstanding warrant arrests during the month, plus one drive-off at the Exxon. One gun was retrieved that was stolen from a cruiser about three years ago and another gun that was stolen in Charleston in 1986 was retrieved in Winfield.

Bill O'Dell, who attended all the drug take-backs in Putnam County, recently passed away. There was a ceremony in his honor, held at the Winfield Community Center. The most recent drug take-back resulted in 235 lbs. of drugs.

Officers Alicia and Chris Powell were able to settle some trespassing complaints when seven high school students were made to write letters of apology to those affected.

Officer Twowig, the acting PRO at Winfield High School, received two letters of commendation – one from a teacher and another from a student.

The department is still waiting on the title for the Humvee.

Mayor Barrett reported:

An 8 in. slotted drain is to be installed in the parking lot of Kuhl's Sporting Goods to prevent flooding after Garfield Street is paved.

The projected date for completion of the boat ramp is June 13th.

The Putnam County Commission approved payment for their share of recently purchased playground equipment.

Payment has been made for the Goff property that was purchased to widen 2nd St. Paving of the Comstock driveway, as payment for land on 2nd St, is still to be completed.

Police and Municipal Staff Report (cont'd)

Mayor Barrett (cont'd)

There have been several complaints about erosion on Falcon Lane. The mayor and building inspector have walked the area to see what can be done.

Work needs to be done at the cemetery and estimates have been requested. There is money in the Cemetery Fund to complete the work.

A pad and picnic tables have been installed at the Community Center.

Preliminary research and work needs to be started to prevent companies from buying houses in sub-divisions within the city which would be intended for profit.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for April was 25.8 mg/L. The reading for last year was 16.3 mg/L. He restated that he would be retiring June 30th after 33 years of service. He also mentioned that the city wide trash deposit ran smoother than any he remembered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion: Tim Lafon reported that a status hearing will be held on May 29 at 9:30. He stated that the opposition lawyer had withdrawn.

City National Bank Audit: Ryan Powers moved that the city move forward with the City National Bank proceedings. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-2019-7 2019 Replacement Pages: Steve Hanna moved to hold Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-2019-7 for Replacement Pages. Motion carried.

Organization of Street Committee: Kevin Karnes volunteered to chair the Street Committee.

Unfinished Business (cont'd)

Consider Purchasing Bowyer Property Adjacent to City Hall:

Mayor Barrett called for Executive Session at 6:37 pm. Executive Session ended at 7:00 pm. Kevin Karnes moved to commence with the regular meeting at 7:05 pm. Kevin Karnes moved to hold mediation at a future point to resolve issues with the Bowyer Property. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – TE Grant for City Park Walkway: Steve Hanna moved that the Council resolve to pursue a TE Grant for the City Park Walkway. Motion carried.

Street Paving: Kevin Karnes moved to accept the proposal of Myers Paving to pave 187 ft. of Walter Street for \$6,240 plus \$1,600 to pave another 40 ft. of Walter Street; and also to accept the proposal of Asphalt Contractors to pave the corner of Main St. and 4th St. for \$2,200. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. The Mayor said he had complaints about a sub-contractor running a generator at the boat ramp construction site at 11:30 pm. He contacted the company and informed them that, if a generator was needed late in the night, he should be notified in advance so residents could be informed.

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

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder