

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 8, 2019  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on October 8, 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, Joe Rumbaugh and Ryan Powers, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

**Staff Present.** Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer; Tim LaFon, City Counsel, Eddie Starcher, Police Chief and Ritchie Ferguson, City Maintenance .

**Public and Guests**

Zack Dunham with Aflac Insurance requested a meeting at a later time to present his insurance program to interested city employees.

Greg Winter asked that trash cans be reconsidered for the boat dock area. The Mayor stated that he would get the thoughts of the Building Commission.

Kevin Watson, Assist. Fire Chief, gave an update on the Fire Department.

**Approval of Minutes** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL**

**Bills Paid:** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved the bills for the month of September 2019 in the amount of \$52,325.49 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 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL (CONT.D).**

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for September 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

### **Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

Chief Starcher reported:

The Department was given 8,000 rounds of 40 Cal. Ammunition from the IRS because they no longer use that type of ammunition. The ammunition has a value of \$2,000 and will be used for qualification and service.

Highway Safety presented the Department with \$6,300 for 18 DUI arrests in the last 3 months. Drug charges accounted for 95% of the activity. This money will help pay overtime for officers.

Officer Alicia Powell was able to recover a stolen wallet at the High School, resulting in juvenile detention for the offender.

Officer Chris Powell retrieved money that was paid out under false pretenses by a resident of Berry Hills.

The Dairy Freeze was robbed of \$1,000 on Friday night and Officers Chris Powell and Shane Higginbotham found the offender in Dunbar by Sunday night.

There will be a drug take-back at City Hall on October 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Barrett reported:

The Putnam County Commission will be paying \$4,800 back for the completion of the small boat dock as part of the 80-20 grant presented to the city.

### Mayor Barrett's report (Cont'd.)

Completion of the shelter at City Park has been slow due to illness of the contractor. Work has begun again on the roofing, plumbing and wiring; but it will probably be January or February before we see the promised financing funds.

Trees have been trimmed at the cemetery, but there are still some smaller trees that will need to be removed. These costs will come from the Cemetery Fund.

Work is not yet complete at the Boat Dock.

### **Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.**

Ritchie Ferguson reported that the ammonia reading for September was 15 mg/L.

The Mayor reported that one aerator in the lagoon had to have the bearings replaced and one had to be pulled out and welded. He stated that he was surprised because he thought the readings would be much higher because of the aerators being out.

Mayor Barrett added that if anyone was available, and wanted to, that they could attend the Sanitary Board's monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, as they will be determining when to put into effect the second sanitary sewer increase and what to recommend to Council. Several years ago an ordinance was made to have the second increase go into effect at the opening of the plant with the approval of the Dept. of Environmental Protection. The City has already been approved for the United States Dept. of Agriculture loan which states that the loan repayment will start as soon as the loan closes. That would leave 1.5 to 2 years before the plant is completed and that would amount to a \$15,000 a month loss. The rates wouldn't change, just the timing of the second increase. He hoped to go out to bid on the plant by December if not earlier.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ms Barbara Ulbrich - WV Gold Star Mothers Program** – Terry Cunningham and Brenda Jividen joined Barbara Ulbrich in presenting the WV Gold Star Flag to the Mayor and the City of Winfield, and they explained the symbolism of the flag.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D.)**

Ryan Powers moved to donate \$500 from the Coal Severance Fund to the Gold Star Mothers Program. Motion carried. Ryan Powers also moved to fly the flag over City Hall. Motion carried.

**Annexation Discussion.** Tim Lafon reported that briefs have been submitted and a reply is expected within 10 days to get the Court's decision.

**Street Committee Report.** Kevin Karnes reported that he has received requests from Scott Lane, Woodland Forest and one from a street not included in the city.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ord. 2019-2020-1 Text Amend Article 529 – Tobacco Use in Private Schools** Ryan Powers moved to hold first reading to amend Ord. 2019-2020-1. Motion carried.

**Ord. 2019-2020-5 Test Amend Article 147 – Sanitary Board.**

The Mayor stated that the legislature changed the requirements on Sanitary Boards to have an Engineer on the Board during times of construction and that we needed to change our ordinance to match. Therefore, Steven Hanna motioned to change Article 147 and remove the language stating that we must have an Engineer on the Board during construction. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER.** Councilman Rumbaugh commended Officers Alicia Powell and Shane Higgenbotham for the help they supplied during Driver's Education classes at the High School.

**ADJOURNMENT.** With no further business, Dana Campbell moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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**Randy L Barrett, Mayor**

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**Jackie Hunter, Recorder**