

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 9, 2019  
6:00 pm.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on July 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Absent:** Kevin Karnes.

**Staff Present:** Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer and Ritchie Ferguson, City Maintenance. City Attorney Tim LaFon was absent.

**Public/Guests:** Kennedy Dean, representing the Winfield General's softball program, presented a softball to the Mayor and City Council in appreciation to the city for donating to help improve the softball field. Greg Winter of #3 Bridge Street inquired about the street damage still existing after the boat dock was completed. He also questioned if trash receptacles would be provided to help with the problem of trash being left behind by boat dock users. The Mayor stated that the state would not provide receptacles. Maintenance would be the city's responsibility.

**Approval of Minutes.** Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the June 11, 2019 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 June 2019 in the amount of \$57,062.27 be approved. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statements.** Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the financial statement for the month of June 2019 be approved. Motion carried.

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

**Financial (cont'd)**

**Projected Fund Balance Rev. #1 2019-2020**

Gloria Chapman stated that the following revisions show the projected balance and the actual balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Ryan Powers moved that the revisions be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Revenues: General Fund

Acct.#	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
297	Committed Fund Bal.	214,522		2,904	211,618
298	Assigned Fund Bal.	41,115		3,318	37,797
299	Unassigned Fund Bal.	44,255	6,222		50,477

Revenues: Coal Severance Fund

Acct.#	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
298	Assigned Fund Bal.	624	342		966
	Unassigned Fund Bal.	342		342	

**REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**Police and Municipal Staff Report:**

Chief Starcher reported the following:

The Police Department came in 12.88% under budget during the fiscal year, 2018-2019 which included two officers going to the academy.

During the fiscal year, there were fifteen DUI's, three felony arrests, and forty-nine misdemeanors.

## **Reports, Questions & Discussions, Chief's Report (cont'd)**

There were 714 citations issued in the fiscal year ended 6/30/19 and the revenue for citations was up \$24,000 from last year.

During the month of July, there were two drug arrests, three driving violations, three domestic arrests and seven DUI's, due mostly to the holiday.

A destroyed mailbox case has been solved and a trial on abuse will be held next month.

Channels 3 and 8 recently broadcast an article on Officer Chris Powell who befriended a motorist who was battling cancer.

A daily report is completed by each officer and if a police cruiser is seen out of town, a council member or citizen can call Chief Starcher or the mayor and they will be able to explain the situation.

Officer Twohig will be starting at the Academy next week.

Mayor Barrett reported the following:

The opening of the boat ramp has been delayed because the Governor's scheduler has been out of town.

Any maintenance of the boat dock area will be the responsibility of the City. The contracted mowing company has looked at the area, but they have not quoted a price for mowing at present.

The hillside in front of the Community Center will get landscaping, but some thought will have to be given to the area, as gas lines have been buried close to the surface.

The basketball court at the City Park has been paved and striped. The hoops were shipped today and a fence will be installed in two weeks.

The request for the county grant has been submitted to start proceedings for the paddleboard ramp to be completed.

## **Reports, Questions & Discussions, Mayor's Report (Cont'd).**

The West Virginia Dept. of Transportation has been notified again concerning the many complaints about holes in Rt. 817 above town. The state is aware and the situation will be corrected, but secondary roads were being repaired at present.

The survey on Falcon Lane has been completed and the engineers are breaking the project into several sections so completion will take some time.

Cracks in three sections of sidewalk near the Post Office, Elm Street and near the Dillon residence have been repaired.

The cemetery was repaved today with left over materials given to the City to use for patching.

**Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.** Ritchie Ferguson reported that the ammonia reading for June was 15.7mg/L.

The Mayor reported the following:

They have interviewed two or three persons to fill the vacancy at the Wastewater System Treatment Plant. Chief Starcher is completing background checks.

Dave Thompson has applied for a tap to tie into the sewer below the riding rink to build apartments below Tudor's.

All the paper work for the new plant is complete, but final signings were postponed until after the first of July because interest rates will drop to 3.75% at that time. Higher interest rates will never apply, but if rates go down before closing the loan, our rate would drop to the current rate.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Annexation Discussion.** No report.

**City National Bank Audit.** No report.

**Street Committee Report.** No report - Chairman, Kevin Karnes was not absent.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Donation to WV Municipal League for Bear Wood Sign for Clerks Association.** Mayor Barrett asked Council to authorize him to purchase a sign or wall hanging from Bear Wood Signs to donate to the Clerk's Association for use in a silent auction. The proceeds would go to help cover the costs of attending Association meetings for smaller towns without financial resources. Joe Rumbaugh moved to authorize the Mayor to purchase a sign or wall hanging from Bear Wood Signs at a cost of \$200 or less to be donated to the Municipal League. Motion carried.

**Consider Clearing of Ditch line in Woodland Forest Due to Over-run Issues.** Discussion but no action taken.

**Early Warning Alert System.** Discussion but no action taken.

**Consider Changing Website to Revize.** Ryan Powers moved to table the discussion until after the present website provider presented his offerings. Motion carried.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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**Randy L Barrett, Mayor**

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**Jackie Hunter, Recorder**