

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2019
6:00 pm**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on September 10, 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 absent.

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

Public and Guests. Ms. Barker from National Collegiate Publications presented an advertising opportunity to the Council in their flyer for drug and alcohol awareness for students.

Approval of Minutes Hearing no objections or questions, Kevin Karnes moved that the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid: Hearing no objections or questions, the bills paid for the month of August 2019 in the amount of \$42,566.75 was approved.

General Fund Financial Statements. Hearing no objections or questions the Financial Statement for the month of August 2019 was approved.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, the Coal Severance Statement for August 2019 was approved.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report.

Chief Starcher reported:

There have been four DUI's in the past month and three were drug related. All officers have been qualified up to date. Officer Chris Powell has been certified in taser usage and he will be able to qualify the entire department. Officer Bogle has resigned to go to the Sheriff's Department. According to his contract, he will be expected to reimburse the city for \$12,000 of training/uniform expenses. A search is being conducted for a new officer; however, the schools still have a PRO in all locations.

Mayor Barrett reported:

The BZA has approved a gravel parking lot for temporary parking of RV's on the land initially purchased by Dale Vance for the lumber yard. Dennis Harrison has been hired to fill the vacancy in city maintenance that was left by John Hodges.

A grant was received to pay Officer Alisha Powell for her work during the Homecoming, when she gave instructions in the proper placement of car seats. These grants and special programs like the Highway Safety Program pay overtime for officers and gives incentive for retention.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Ritchie Ferguson reported that he did not have any results back yet on the ammonia reading for August. He said the reading for July was 21.7 mg/L. The Mayor stated that an aerator was down with a wait of 2-3 weeks for parts and he was concerned that some levels may be high.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. Tim Lafon reported that the first set of briefs would be filed next week and the last set on Sept. 30th. A decision will be made in October.

City National Bank Audit. Tim LaFon requested to go into executive session at the end of the meeting due to litigation matters.

Street Committee Report. Kevin Karnes reported that he was collecting requests from citizens to review a month before the upcoming budget meeting in February 2020.

Consider Clearing Ditch Line in Woodland Forest Due to Over-run Issues. Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont.d)

Consider Changing Website to Revise. Gloria Chapman reported that she and Sarah Campbell have been working on Squarespace to update the website and it was working out very well. She stated that B.G. Hamrick, the current website host, has provided instructional videos and answers to any questions that they had regarding posting on the site. After discussion, it was decided to remove this item from the agenda, and if Council and all concerned were not pleased with the website, the item could be put back on the agenda to consider going with the Revize website.

NEW BUSINESS

USDA Resolutions for Wastewater Project Loan. Steve Hanna moved to pass the USDA resolutions for the Waste Water Project loan as presented. Motion carried.

Set Date for Trick or Treat. Kevin Karnes moved to set Trick or Treat for October 31 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dana Campbell moved to go into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. Dana Campbell moved to return from Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. No action was taken during the executive session.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. Many comments were made about the success of the Putnam County Homecoming.

ADJOURNMENT. With no further business, Kevin Karnes moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder