

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2018
6:00 pm.

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on November 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

Members Attending: Randy Barrett, Mayor; Steve Hanna, Frank Bannister, Ryan Powers and Kevin Karnes members; and Jackie Hunter, Recorder. Councilman Rumbaugh was absent.

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

Public: Zack Brown, of the WV Department of Natural Resources spoke concerning the agreement between the City and the DNR to partner in covering the costs of the improvements to Garfield Street between 3rd St. and Route 817. He stated that this agreement would allow the DNR to incorporate this additional paving into the current contract for the boat ramp construction. Brown said that the City's share would be \$20,000 but if that were to increase, the DNR would make up the difference. Ryan Powers asked if the damage to Walters Street caused by ramp construction would be corrected. Brown said that he would talk to the engineer.

Mark Larson of 344 Cash Lane stated that he was told that he had been misinformed at the previous month's council meeting. After discussion; it was determined to be a misunderstanding.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to accept the minutes of October 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of October 2018 in the amount of \$43,255.19 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statements: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the Financial Report for October 2018. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Financial Statement: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Report for October 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #2 2018-2019. Gloria Chapman stated that each year she was required by the State Auditor’s Office to adjust the total Fund balance to the actual balance on hand at June 30th. Since our accountant does not complete her year-end revisions until September or October, she has to make a budget revision again after the accountant’s work is completed. Ryan Powers moved to approve General Fund Budget Rev. #2 2018-2019 as follows. Motion carried.

Revenues:

Acct. Number	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Rev. Amount
297	Committed Fund Balance	71,364	143,157		214,521
298	Assigned Fund Balance	23,121	17,993		41,114
299	Unassigned Fund Balance	176,051		161,150	14,901

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Reports. Police Chief, Eddie Starcher stated that the mid-term evaluation by the Division of Justice went well with Kevin Young, and that hopefully we will be receiving our grant money soon.

The Chief noted that Officer Bogle, by being proactive and observant, was able to capture an individual under the influence of meth after a foot chase through town.

Chief Starcher introduced a new officer, Joshua Twohig, who has signed a four-year work agreement and will be entering the Academy in June. He graduated from Marshall with a Criminal Justice Degree and he has been with the Day Report for 6 years.

Jackie Hunter commended the Chief and his officers for assisting in the recent elections by delivering food and coffee donations for the election workers. Tudor’s, McDonalds and Pizza Hut provided the food. She applauded the great community effort.

The Mayor reported that the City would have a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the gazebo on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be on hand and opportunities to donate to the Shop With A Cop Program and Toys for Tots.

Mayor Barrett reported that he didn't think that the black top would be laid at the boat ramp this year because of the cold weather.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report

John Hodges stated that the reading for September was 23.1 mg/L and this time last year it was 14.9 mg/L.

The Mayor reported that the WV DEP made a surprise inspection visit to the wastewater plant and that the inspection went well.

Mayor Barrett noted that the High School lift station upgrade project was complete.

He also reported that city workers had put up flags for the holiday and that they had ordered stainless steel rails for the Rocky Step lift station.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation. Tim LaFon stated that a hearing would be held on January 24th at the Courthouse.

City National Bank Audit. Tim LaFon stated that it would still be 1–2 months before the work is complete.

Ord. 2018-2019-1 Text Amendment to Article 121.03 (h) Media Broadcasts. Tim LaFon stated that he didn't expect a decision from the Ethics Commission for 90 days, but he was going to try to expedite that. Mr. LaFon said that the present Ethics ruling only mentions the press being authorized to film open meetings, and does not address whether the public can film/record the meetings. He stated that the city's current ordinance was an adoption of the Ethics Commission's current ruling.

Consider Making City Parks No Smoking Zone. No action taken.

Adopt Ordinance Prohibiting Addiction Treatment Centers. See Below

Review of Current Website Vendor. No Action taken.

Donation of Electronic Sign from Winfield Volunteer Fire Dept. The Mayor reported that it would cost more to repair the sign than it would cost to purchase a new one.

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement with WV Dept. of Natural Resources for Extra Paving on Garfield Street. Ryan Powers moved to approve the Pavement Change Order as presented by Zack Brown and the WV DNR. Motion carried.

Workers Comp Insurance through the WV Municipal League. In order to receive an estimated annual savings of \$2,396.18 in Workers Comp Insurance, Frank Bannister moved to transfer the City's Workers Comp Insurance to the WV Municipal League. Motion carried.

Christian Heritage Week. Ryan Powers moved to authorize the Mayor to proclaim the week of November 18-24, 2018 as Christian Heritage Week in West Virginia. Motion carried.

Ord. 2018-2019-5 Text Amend Article 1361.04 Off Street Parking. Tim Lafon reported that the Planning Commission decided that the old town area on Main Street should be exempt from the off-street parking requirements listed in Article 1361.04, since it would be impossible and too costly and cumbersome to enforce in this area. Steve Hanna made motion to exempt Main Street from the off-street parking requirements. Motion carried.

Ord. 2018-2019-6 Addiction Treatment Centers Prohibited. Tabled for further definition.

Working with Winfield Fire Department Regarding OSI Rating and Reducing Home Owners Insurance Rates. The Mayor said that he had put out an e-mail trying to get all those involved together for a discussion, but he had not heard from everyone to date.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Frank Bannister moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder