

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

June 11, 2019

6:00 pm

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

In recognition of John Hodges and his upcoming retirement, and in the presence of family and friends, the Mayor presented a plaque, commemorating him for his years of exemplary service to the City of Winfield.

Public and Guests: None speaking.

Approval of Minutes: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills Paid: Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the bills paid for the month of May 2019 in the amount of \$51,597.97. Motion carried.

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

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

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report:

Chief Starcher reported the following:

Officer Josh Twohig was commended for exemplary behavior while participating with students during end-of-year activities. It was noted that this all occurred before training at the Academy which Officer Twowig will begin July 7th.

Officer Chris Powell was also commended for going beyond the call of duty to help a man who was down on his luck, obtain his driver's license and supplying food for the hungry man.

Officer Alicia Powell has handed out ten car seats and installed thirty seats in the last two months. She completed her PRO duties for this school year and in the last six days Officer Powell has had two drug arrests, two drug possessions and one domestic arrest.

All officers passed a PT and Firing test and all will be attending Drug Detection School this week.

Mayor Barrett reported:

A schedule of pre-approved spending in the amount of \$44,260 for street paving and sealing was given to the Council.

Opening day for the boat dock has been delayed because of the large amount of rain and groundwater which is hindering paving. Drains will have to be installed and it is hoped to have the opening by the 4th of July.

Upon review of our wastewater plant application, the USDA requested a copy of a wetlands survey which was performed during the last wastewater project. After researching the matter, it was discovered that the Army Corps of Engineers did not require one for the last project; therefore, a wetlands survey had to be completed before the June 14th deadline.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for May was 15.7 mg/L. The reading for last year was 21.6 mg/L.

Mayor Barrett stated that before moving on to Unfinished Business, he requested that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss items 1, 2 and 5 of Unfinished Business.

Dana Campbell moved to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m.
Steve Hanna moved to go back into regular session at 6:55 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion: Attorney Tim Lafon reported that it would be two months before the results of the brief would be announced.

City National Bank Audit: Attorney Tim LaFon reported that it would be another month before the next step of the City National Bank Audit.

Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2018-2019-7 2019 Replacement Pages:

Dana Campbell moved to hold the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2018-2019-7 for Replacement Pages. Motion carried.

Organization of Street Committee: Kevin Karnes, Chairman, stated that he would like to have more input from the public through the web site or in person.

Consider Purchasing Bowyer Property Adjacent to City Hall: Attorney Tim Lafon reported that there had been a mediation session to resolve the differences of all involved parties which he thought was productive. His recommendation was that the lawsuit be dismissed without prejudice. He stated that he has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding that says that Stoneridge Development is going to work with the City of Winfield to try to accomplish something for the Volunteer Fire Department in their relocation efforts; whereas there could be a possible transfer of property from Stoneridge Development to the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department. Kevin Karnes moved to dismiss the lawsuit without prejudice, to release the defendants and to get the Memorandum of Understanding signed by all parties. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Additions to the boat Ramp area. Ryan Powers moved to approve up to \$1,000 to either plant trees or put up boards to prevent parking in grassy areas around the boat dock. Motion carried.

Ryan Powers moved to approve the quote of Myers Paving for \$2,000 for additional paving on Walter Street. Motion carried.

Community Center Proposed Dock Addition – Putnam County Enhancement.

After discussion about the dangers of paddle boarders using the boat dock, the Mayor suggested that the upcoming Community Grant be used to make the present Community Center dock more accessible to those using kayaks and paddle boards. Ryan Powers moved that the upcoming 80/20 Community Grant be used to upgrade the Community Center dock as proposed by Genesis Services, LLC quote at a total cost of \$6,064.50, of which the City would pay 20%. Motion carried.

Sidewalk Addition from Winfield Way to Mariner’s Landing (design only). Kevin Karnes moved to proceed with the design from the High School to Mariner’s Landing. Motion carried.

Falcon Lane Stream Bank Stabilization. Steve Hanna moved to have The Thrasher Group begin the engineering work at a cost of \$7,500 to evaluate and determine the final cost to stabilize the Falcon Lane stream bank. Motion carried.

Appoint New Planning Commission Member. At the Mayor’s suggestion, Ryan Powers moved to appoint Dee Brown to the Planning Commission to serve until January 2020, at which time she would be up for reappointment. Motion carried.

\$200 Donation Towards Pipe for Sewer Line at High School Softball Field. Joe Rumbaugh moved that the City donate \$200 towards the purchase of pipe for a sewer line at the High School Softball field. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. Ryan Powers mentioned that a citizen had inquired about how tall the trees would grow that were planted near the boat dock. The Mayor was not certain, but he said the trees could be trimmed if they began to interfere with the view.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 pm., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder