

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 16, 2019

6:00 pm.

Mayor Randy Barrett called the special meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on April 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

ATTENDANCE

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

Steve Hanna was present, from the New Business session to the conclusion, via telephone.

Staff Present: Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer and John Hodges, Public Works Director

Absent: Tim LaFon, City Counsel

Public/Guests:

Approval of Minutes: Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the March 12, 2019 Special Budget Meeting be approved, with the removal of the name "Frank" preceding Dana Campbell's name. Motion carried.

Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$83,945.40 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

FINANCIAL (CONT'D.)

General Fund Budget Rev. #4

Gloria Chapman explained that the Police Fines had increased as of March \$ 5,500 over the original budgeted amount, so she revised the line item and added extra funds to expenditures to cover the rest of the fiscal year. Ryan Powers moved to approve the General Fund Budget Rev. #4 as stated below. Motion carried.

Revenues:

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
320	Fines, Fees and Court Costs	40,500	8,500		49,000

Net Increase 8,500

Expenditures:

Acct.#	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
900	Parks and Recreation	3,500	1,500		5,000
977	Street and Transportation	12,058	7,000		19,058

Net Increase 8,500

Laying of Levy 2019-2020. Motion was made by Ryan Powers to set the 2019-2020

Levy as follows:

Class II	Real Estate & Personal Property	\$25 / \$100
Class IV	Real Estate, Personal Property & Public Utility	\$50 / \$100

Total Value & Projected Revenue **\$ 358,816**

Less Delinquencies, Uncollectables, Exonerations, **- 6,891**

Increments Financing if Applicable & Assessor Valuation Fund

Net Value & Projected Revenue **\$ 337,680**

Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

Police and Municipal Staff Report:

Chief Starcher reported:

Fines have picked up due to having seven officers and the Highway Safety grant that is shared with us by the City of Huntington.

Kevin Young, the PRO Officer, has resigned for personal reasons. After going through the hiring phase, a new officer was hired, but he resigned the next day. Officer Young has now been replaced by a certified officer, Chris Powell. Chris is a former Marine with a Physics Degree and he is married to Winfield Officer Alicia Coey-Powell.

There have been several breaking and entering incidents with cars in the city and surrounding area. Suspects have been identified and hopefully, cases will be closed soon.

There will be a drug take-back day at City Hall on Saturday, April 27th.

The St. Albans Police Department has donated a 2012 Chevy Impala cruiser to the Winfield Police Department. The cruiser has only 53,000 miles and after some maintenance and a free radio being installed, it is running fine.

Officer Bogle will be graduating from the Academy May 3rd and Officer Twohig will be starting in July.

Mayor Barrett reported:

He has been working with Laura Cox on grants for a walking trail from the grade school to the boat ramp and park.

The boat ramp is ahead of schedule now, but inclement weather could slow them down. They are hoping for completion by Memorial Day.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (MAYOR'S REPORT CONT.D)

The all-inclusive playground equipment has been installed and the fence was completed today. The invoices will be taken to the County Commission to be put on their agenda as a formality, but the 80% payback on the grant has already been approved.

The Corps of Engineers will be placing safety signs at the boat ramp and the smaller dock to warn of dangerous currents close to the locks.

The first hearing with Chapman Engineering, the former engineers on the sewer plant, will be held on May 3rd.

The hearing for the owners of the property that was needed for the widening of 2nd Street will be held tomorrow. Ms. Comstock's reimbursement will be the moving of her driveway. The contract was signed today, but must be approved by the judge. The judge will also approve the price to be paid to Ms. Goff.

A concrete pad was laid for a patio behind the Community Center and shelters are planned for the future.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report: John Hodges reported that the ammonia reading for March was 21.7 mg/L. He said that, the reading for April was 18.7mg/L. John also announced that he would be retiring as Public Works Director as of June 30th of this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annexation Discussion. No Report

City National Bank Audit. No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Ord. 2018-2019-7 2019 Replacement Pages Ryan Powers moved to approve the replacement pages. Motion carried

New Business (cont'd)

Donation Request – Bryce Breeden, DECA Club. Bryce Breeden, a Winfield Senior, requested a \$500 donation from the city to help cover the \$1500 cost of going to the DECA International Competition in Orlando. Bryce will be competing as the West Virginia representative in the Market Management Division. Kevin Karnes moved to donate \$500 to Bryce for the competition in Orlando. Motion carried.

Spring Clean-up. The Mayor proposed having the annual spring clean-up on May 11th, the week-end after the city-wide yard sale, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. He stated that Waste Management would supply two compact trucks with two men, and the city could have one city worker on hand. The cost to the city would be around 40% less than previous years. Steve Hanna moved to have Waste Management provide two compact trucks and two men to collect city-wide trash on May 11th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Motion carried.

Resolution – City Hall Generator Project The Mayor stated that Laura Cox has been working on a Federal Grant to cover the cost of a generator at City Hall and that he has been getting specs together. Having a generator at City Hall would provide two emergency shelters with the one already installed at the Community Center. He asked for a resolution from Council to proceed. Dana Campbell moved that the Council resolve to have the Mayor move forward with the City Hall Generator Project. Motion carried.

Vivian Dreblow Request of Payment Plan for Cemetery Lot. After discussion, Kevin Karnes moved to have Tim LaFon draw up legal papers to allow Vivian Dreblow to purchase a lot at Winfield Cemetery on a two-year payment plan. Motion carried.

Organization of Street Committee. Ryan Powers moved to table the item until next month. Motion carried.

Consider Purchasing Bowyer Property Adjacent to City Hall. Dana Campbell moved to go forward with the purchase of the Bowyer property adjacent to City Hall for a sum of \$125,000. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER. Ryan powers stated that the Fire Department would spray the play ground at City Park once a month. He mentioned that the tree behind the fire station had been taken down with the help of a grant from AEP.

Because of the impending mosquito season, Joe Rumbaugh was concerned about how often the tires by Eddie's auto shop were removed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 pm, until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder