

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the regular meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on March 10, 2020 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, Kevin Karnes and Joe Rumbaugh, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder

**Staff Present:** Gloria Chapman, City Clerk/Treasurer; Tim LaFon, City Counsel, Ritchie Ferguson, City Maintenance and Tina Woollard, Trainee.

**Public/Guests:** Ryan Ewing, with the firm Steptoe and Johnson, stated that he was present to guide the City of Winfield through a public hearing and adopt the third reading of the Sewer Revenue Bond Series 2020A by the United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$9,840,000.

Mayor Barrett opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 pm.

Ryan Ewing stated that he would answer any questions from the floor.

Greg Winter questioned why the amount projected was more than the committed loan and the Mayor explained that more funds had been requested in case unforeseen circumstances occurred but that some expenses had been met beforehand from City funds so the difference between the projected amount and committed loan amount was less.

Mr. Ewing explained that a loan amount has to be stated in order to hold all the preliminary requirements before closing. He stated it is best to request additional funds, than to waste time trying to find the funds from the private sector.

Hearing no further comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm.

Ryan Ewing noted that he would read the title of the ordinance for the third reading and he would need a motion and a vote. Steve Hanna moved to hold the third reading of

Ord. 2019-2020-6 Sewer Board Ordinance-Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2020A for new SBR plant. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ryan Powers moved that the minutes of the February 11, 2020 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 February in the amount of \$59,722.82 be approved. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statements.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of February 2020 be approved. Motion carried.

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for February 2020 be approved. Motion carried.

**General Fund Rev. 5**

Gloria Chapman City Clerk Treasurer stated that since the police department has received additional funding from the Highway Safety Program she had to increase our Fine Remittance and Line Item 720 Safe Traffic.

Revenues:

Acct.#	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amount
320	Fines, Fees & Court Costs	50,000	20,000		70,000

Expenditures:

Acct. #	Acct Description	Prev. Approved Amount	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amt.
416	Police Judge's Office	13,000	20,000		33,000
436	Bldg Inspection	7,000		2,500	4,500
440	City Hall	225,093		2,500	222,593
720	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	12,799	7,500		20,299
753	Snow Removal	9,810		2,500	7,310

## **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

### **Police and Municipal Staff Report:**

Chief Starcher reported the following:

Officer Noah Garcelon, our newly hired officer from Elkview will be attending the academy in July.

Officer Sean Higgenbotham resigned without notice to go to the Milton Police Department. The City is now looking for a certified officer.

There were several DUI's and an arrest was made resulting in the person who robbed the Dairy Freeze some time back being apprehended.

There were a couple of unattended deaths and one attempted suicide.

Chief Starcher stated that he would be retiring on May 15<sup>th</sup> and that his replacement, Ron Arthur, comes highly qualified.

Mayor Barrett reported the following:

The Mayor praised Chief Starcher for his outstanding performance while heading-up the Winfield Police Department.

The City is still working on grants. The annual budget meeting was held last night.

The Streetscape will not start until next year and may not be completed for another year.

The Mayor and Chief attended a 911 conference dealing with the Corona Virus. Some respirators have been donated to the City from another source so Police Officers can be protected if called to help.

The loan for the new SBR Plant will close in April and interest rates will go down which will save the city a lot of money.

**Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.** Ritchie Ferguson reported that the ammonia reading for January was 19.22mg/L and for February it was 16.8mg/L. He said work had to be done on the backhoe; they had installed a handicapped rail in the shelter bathroom and worked on some tables. A great deal of time was spent on clearing a sewer line clog between Rt. 817 and Bridge Street.

The Mayor noted that a lot of time has been spent in that area due to a grease problem at the Elementary School. He said to replace the manhole would cost approximately \$10,000 and we purchased a new jetter head which cost \$1,500 to clear the clog. The Board of Education is aware of the situation and hopes to correct it over spring break.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Annexation.** No Report

**Street Committee Report.** No Report

**Second Reading Ord. 2019-2020-7 Revision to 2015 Rate Increase Ordinance-change Start Date for the Second Increment of Sewer Rate Increase.** Steve Hanna moved to hold second reading of the above mentioned Ordinance. Motion carried.

**Third Reading Ord. 2019-2020-6 Sewer Bond Ordinance – Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2020A for New SBR Plant.** See notations under the Open Hearing Section above.

**Open Mowing Bids.** Mayor Barrett opened the bid packets received as follows:

Bolts Lawn Care:	\$2,315
Craig & Son	\$2,345
Johnny's Lawn Service	\$2,640

Ryan Powers moved to accept Bolts Lawn Care for \$2,315 after a background check. If the background check is unacceptable, then the next lowest bidder would be contracted. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Change April Meeting Date to the Third Tuesday.** Due to the laying of the levy, Steve Hanna moved to hold the April Council Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

**Discuss Leasing/Selling City Alley Behind the Rivers Complex.** Kevin Karnes moved to table until more information could be obtained.

**Advertise in WV Executive Inc.** Failed for lack of response.

**Donation Request from Winfield Wrestling.** Mike Cockran with the Winfield High School Wrestling Program approached Council to ask for a donation to help with the funding for a facility where the team can practice. Ryan Powers moved to donate \$696.10 to the Winfield Wrestling Program. Motion carried.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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**Randy L Barrett, Mayor**

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**Jackie Hunter, Recorder**