

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

Members Attending: Randy Barrett, Mayor; Joe Rumbaugh, Kevin Karnes, Scott Morris, Dana Campbell members, David Mattocks, Recorder

Staff Present: Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim Lafon, City Counsel, Jeff Losh, Chief of Police, Richie Ferguson, Town Employee.

Absent: Ryan Power, Member

Public/Guests: David and Debbie Barnes

Approval of Minutes

February 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting – Dana Campbell motion to accept.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the bills paid for the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$120,214.12 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the financial statement for the month of February 2024 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the Coal Severance Statement for February 2024 be approved. Motion carried.

Opioid Account. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved to approve the Opioid Account statement as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Chief Losh reported 173 call responses. Vehicles in good working order. Officers are taking “In service” classes.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Richie Ferguson reported Precision Pump is working on station pumps at Woodbend Cove. Pumps are being rebuilt one at a time. Rebuilt pump was installed, there will be a total of three. Sanitary Board approved \$45,000 to pay for pump repairs from the R&R account.

Mayor Barrett reported receiving several good applications for the open position. Two people have accepted then turned down the position. We are going back to one of the original interviews but there is a question about his sick hours available at his current job and a question about retirement.

Mayor Barrett met with 811 today, we have been short paying the Miss Utility bills. He was informed that the city needed to update its mapping in Texas because it hasn't been done since WV American Water took over the city's water system. 811 also told Mayor Barrett that the city could bill the utility companies for duplicate requests and the city workers time, but he could not short pay Miss Utility.

Senator Capito's office earmarked \$31,000 of the Federal Budget to outfit two new cars, we have 1-1/2 years to spend the money. Mayor Barrett hand delivered another earmark request while he was in DC last week for stormwater, park and to outfit another car.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proceed with Home Rule – Tim Lafon is still working on getting the information to the State Tax Department for approval. No new information, will review next month.

**Annex Donald & Jackie Hayes Property recorded in Deed Book 582 Page 971
Parcels 29 & 30 – Tax Map 184.** No action, waiting on documentation from owners.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Fund Budget 2024-25. – Kevin Karnes motion to accept the General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Budget 2024-25 – Joe Rumbaugh asked that the Winfield High School Student Assistance Committee be taken into consideration along with the other approved organizations for the Contributions line item of the Coal Severance Budget.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

Kevin Karnes motion to accept the Coal Severance Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Change April Council Date to April 16, 2024 – Lay of the Levy. – Dana Campbell motion to change the date of next month’s council meeting to April 16, 2024. Motion carried.

Consider date for Spring Cleanup – Joe Rumbaugh motion to set the date for spring cleanup for May 11, 2024. Motion carried.

WHS Yearbook Donation/Advertisement – Dana Campbell motion to purchase ad for \$250 in the Winfield High School Yearbook. Motion carried.

Enter Executive Session – Dana Campbell motion to enter Executive Session for an employment issue at 6:34PM. Dana Campbell motion to exit Executive Session at 6:58PM. No action taken.

Mortgage Burning. – Mayor Barrett updated council that the Municipal Building was paid off this month so council members went outside to watch Joe Rumbaugh light the mortgage papers from BB&T on fire.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There is a large pothole on Winfield Avenue that has a cone in the center. WVDOH is aware and they told Mayor Barrett that they would be fixing it.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Dave Mattocks, Recorder