

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 8, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**Attendance:**

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

**Staff Present:** Tina Woollard, Municipal Administrator, Richie Ferguson, City Maintenance and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

**Public/Guests:** Michael Thompson and Todd Dillon presented themselves as candidates for Putnam County Circuit Clerk and Putnam County Commission, respectively.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of January 2022 in the amount of \$100,332.75 be approved. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of January 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for January 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

**A.R.P.A.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the A.R.P.A. statement as presented. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:**

### **Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

**Chief Arthur reported** that the Department has worked on 26 felonies and a scam at Patton Place during the month.

The efficiency of the new 9 mm weapons is much appreciated.

The Department is down one man but a highly qualified candidate may be available in a couple of weeks.

Lights for the new truck have not come in as of today.

**The Mayor reported:** Sludge is still being taken out of town in 8 ton loads to the Raleigh County Landfill. The truck only holds 10 tons. It would be cheaper to go to Hurricane but the City is having trouble getting analytical results on the sludge and Waste Management has not been satisfied with the first results.

After the last power failure, the equipment at the SBR plant did not reset and the screen overflowed. Some of the equipment is still not working. The manufacturer was in a few weeks ago and put in a new piece.

### **Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.**

Ritchie Ferguson reported on the work of the maintenance crew for the last month and stated that they were mostly occupied with sludge, snow removal, and the screen at the plant.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds.** Ryan Powers moved to approve Thrasher's proposal for Engineering Services for the Manhole Rehabilitation Project as presented. Motion carried. Steve Hanna moved to approve Precision Pump Quote for the Riding Rink lift station. Motion Carried.

**Second Reading Ordinance 2021-2022-7 Article 723 Specific License Taxes.** Kevin Karnes moved to approval the Second Reading Ordinance 2021-2022-7 Article 723 Specific License Taxes. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Set date for Budget Work Session.** Steve Hanna made a motion to set March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as the date for the budget work session. Motion carried.

**Advertise for Mowing Bids for City Property for 2022-2023 Season.** Kevin Karnes moved to approve advertising for mowing bids. Motion carried.

**For New Plant or O&M City Wide, If Equipment or Maintenance is Needed and is Time Sensitive, Mayor Requests Approval to Proceed and Report at Next Monthly Meeting if Amount Does not Exceed \$10,000.** Dana Campbell moved to approve allowing the Mayor to proceed with emergency needs pertaining to the plant or O&M City wide, without the approval of Council as long as costs did not exceed \$10,000 and there were no more than one such emergency a month. Motion carried.

**B&O Tax Break for Fiber Optics/Capital Projects.** Kevin Karnes moved to table until next month. Motion carried.

**Issues and Concerns Caused by Lakeside's Malfunctioning Screen.** Pictures show that the screen has hair line cracks and is falling apart with maybe a week's life expectancy. The manufacturer, Lakeside, has agreed, if we approve, to put in a 2,000,000 gal. screen to replace the 1,000,000 gal. defective screen. The Sanitary Board has agreed. Everything seems to be retrofit so it's a matter of pulling out the old and putting in the new. It will take about 14 weeks for delivery and until then there will be a lot of man hours sent doing manual cleaning.

The \$178,000 is still being withheld and the new screen will not be under the old warranty but starting under a new warranty.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

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Jackie Hunter, Recorder