

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on July 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

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

Absent. Steve Hanna

Staff Present. Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer; Ritchie Ferguson, City Maintenance and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

Public/Guests. Isaac Fadiga and Jessie Hawley spoke to Council concerning Pay APP #16 SBR Plant.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of June 2022 in the amount of \$167,479.41 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

A.R.P.A Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the June 2022 A.R.P.A Statement as presented. Motion carried.

Financial (Cont'd)

General Fund Budget Revision Ryan Powers moved to approve the General Fund Budget Revision as follows: Motion carried.

Revenues:

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amt.
298	Assigned Fund Bal.	10,458	21		10,479
299	Unassigned Fund Bal.	212,877	14,191		227,068
297	Committed Fund Bal.	158,875	325		159,200

Expenditures: 14,537

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amt.
976	Public Safety	11,253	14,537		25,790

Net Increase 14,537

Coal Severance Budget Revision. Ryan Powers moved to approve the Coal Severance Budget Revision. Motion carried.

Revenues:

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amt.
950	Beautification Programs	1,000	2,035		3,035

Net Increase 2,035

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Chief Arthur reported: Two officers will be leaving for the State Police next month. There are two good possible replacements being considered.

Chief Arthur mentioned that on his watch, he didn't want the City of Winfield to be thought of as giving out excessive tickets.

The Mayor reported: Four of the present council plus Scott Morris have signed up to run for City Council so there will be no actual election. Dave Mattocks has signed up to run for Recorder.

The banners along Rt. 817 started going up today and will be completed this week. The equipment to hang the flower baskets has not come in yet.

The fountain at the Community Center shelter is still out of order but the company is supposed to be coming in to repair it.

The flooding situation at Kuhl's has been worked on for a couple of years but finally a representative from DOH District One stated that they were willing to dig up, if necessary, to find where to place a DI and prevent further flooding.

The Open Check Book for transparency has not been implemented yet because the State is changing vendors for the P Card and that won't be finalized until fall. It is easier to start both the Open Check Book and the new P Cards at the same time.

There has been another lightening strike 3 weeks ago at the SBR plant. The workers have put in a lot of overtime running the plant manually. Nikki has been compiling a list of bills and an adjuster has been on site. The company that put in the press wanted \$2800 to come in and diagnose the problem but Precision spent all day and found the issue. State Electric gave us one of the pieces but we still have to order another part. Most everything is up and running.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.

Ritchie Ferguson reported on the work of the maintenance crew.

The Mayor reported on the Plant above in the Mayor's Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds.

The Mayor stated that the company has ordered the material for the man holes in old town but the contract hasn't been signed yet. The contract wasn't in last month and if the City waits until next month to sign the contract, the materials may be in and it will be more feasible to meet the 90 day completion date. Hopefully by that time we will have the price for the underground retention pipe at Courtyard and we complete a change order to have the same company complete the additional work.

Street Repair Project. Laura Cox and the Mayor met last week to look over all the street repairs that have been designated. Laura was going to take pictures and mark areas to be repaired and she stated that concrete was presently much cheaper than black top. Ads will then be placed in the paper.

Laura and the Mayor will meet tomorrow to narrow down the seven bid packs for the sidewalk project up to Mariner's Landing. Three firms will be chosen from the seven and the mayor stated that he would like a volunteer from the Council to set in on the final decision along with Bill Davis from the Planning Commission and someone from the Building Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer 2nd A.R.P.A Tranche Payment from General Fund to A.R.P.A Account.

Kevin Karnes moved to resolve that the Council of the City of Winfield, West Virginia request that the second tranche of A.R.P.A funds in the amount of \$473,215.50 be transferred to the correct Poca Valley Bank account that has been designated for such funds, since the Treasury Department erroneously deposited funds into Winfield's General Fund Checking Account. Motion carried.

Audit Report July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Nikki Phillips reported that the City was given a good report except for not having enough employees for the separation of duties.

Sidewalk Bid Review and Committee Selection. The Mayor detailed information under the **Street Repair Project**. Kevin Karnes volunteered to be on the committee to choose the final bid for the sidewalk project.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Request for Municipal League Silent Auction Donation. Mayor Barrett explained that the Municipal League holds a silent auction every year with the money being donated to the Clerk's Association to be dispersed to smaller towns in West Virginia that cannot afford to send a representative to the League meetings. Roy Kuhl Sports put together a basket as requested by the Mayor to be under \$200. The cost was \$197.22. Dana Campbell moved to approve the \$197.22 donation to the Municipal League. Motion carried.

Pay APP #16 SBR Plant. With a deduction of \$2,500.00 from Pay App #16 the final payment on the SBR Plant is \$147,500. Ryan Powers moved to place \$147,500 in escrow then rescinded his motion. Ryan Powers then moved to pay a final payment of \$147,500. Motion carried with Dana Campbell voting nay.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder