

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

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, Chief of Police, Jeff Losh.

Absent: Ryan Powers

Public/Guests: Deb Barnett & Family members of Sam Barnett

Approval of Minutes

August 15, 2023 – Regular Meeting – Kevin Karnes motion to accept.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the bills paid for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$111,687.80 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the financial statement for the month of August 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the Coal Severance Statement for August 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

A.R.P.A. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved to approve the A.R.P.A. statement as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Jeff Losh reported police department purchased new shotguns, to arrive in next few weeks. Officer Thompson resigned. New officer to start in October. Fielding several complaints regarding speed traps, gave examples of legitimate tickets being written.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Electric and Gas installed in new building. Backflow installed at plant. Precision fixed pump at plant. Replaced components at grinder station. Courtyard marked for street repairs. Repaired sewer line at Woodland.

Mayor's Report. Last Pay APP submitted to the USDA for concrete in new building. Homecoming went well, car show will be in a couple of weeks. If you see or hear something that you do not like about the police department, please come to the Mayor or Chief Losh with your concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. Dana Campbell made a motion to pay invoices for Precision \$5,033, Xylem Water Solutions for \$922 and \$4,635, as well as Aqua Aerobics for \$10,934.82 from ARPA. Motion carried. After these bills are paid, the approximate balance left in ARPA will be \$180,000.

Proceed with Home Rule – Tim Lafon stated that he and Todd Dingess have been tied up with the Chapman Lawsuit and sewer increase so there is nothing to report on Home Rule this month.

Property Auction – Dana Campbell made a motion that Randy could submit a bid up to the previously approved amount. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution excluding Council Members from Workers Comp – Dana Campbell made a motion to exclude elected officials from the Worker's Comp policy. Motion carried.

Ordinance Barring Minors from Attending Adult Live Performances – This is the exact Ordinance that Hurricane approved, it is a little different than what the county approved. There will be two readings with tonight being the first. Dana Campbell made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Barring Minors from Attending Adult Live Performances Article 517.09. Discussion, motion carried.

Woody Williams Foundation Event Invitation – Kevin Karnes made a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000 pending receipt of the proper documents for nonprofits. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat – Kevin Karnes made a motion to approve times for Trick or Treat to October 31, 2023, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Putnam County First Responder Appreciation Day – Kevin Karnes made a motion to approve a donation of \$250 to Republican Women of Putnam County for First Responder Appreciation Day on October 7, 2023. Motion carried.

Bench Plaque, Sam Barnette – Kevin Karnes made a motion to approve a plaque be purchased for the bench in front of the High School to say “In Loving Memory of Sam “Poppy” Barnette”. Motion carried.

Computers-Police Station – Dana Campbell made a motion to use money from the sale of broken-down cars to cover new computers for the police station, cost to be no more than the \$9,400 received from sale vehicles. Motion carried.

AEP 4th Street Homecoming Bill – Kevin Karnes made a motion to cover up to \$300 annually for the new AEP service and to be paid from fairs and festivals line of the budget. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE Order:

Brown house on Fourth Street, citation issued.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:51 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Dave Mattocks, Recorder