

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on December 12, 2021 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, Dana Campbell and Ryan Powers, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

Staff Present. Tina Woollard, City Clerk/Treasurer; Richie Ferguson, City Maintenance and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

Public/Guests. None speaking.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. With no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 emergency meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of November 2021 in the amount of \$176,716.07 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of November 2021 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for November 2021 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: Several cases were completed during the month. There was good feed-back and only 2 calls from Brittany Point.

A scam was shut down at Patton Place.

Yearly training and certification has been completed with 16 hours of training.

A suicide was investigated while cooperating with the fire department.

Qualified requests for openings in the department have been coming in frequently.

The Chief expressed his gratitude to Council for the new truck.

The Mayor reported: The City has lost the original dump site for sludge and with the amount of recent sludge it has been cheaper to go to Raleigh County than it was to go to Hurricane. We will try negotiations with Hurricane for future sludge disposal; or if anybody knows someone with a 25+ acre farm that could use the sludge, we could go in that direction. A recycle sludge profile has to be made every 5 years and is due again in March.

OmniSites at the Riding Rink and Winfield Ave have been completed and the new plant will have one. Every station in town will be able to notify the plant workers if there is a problem. The panels on Rocky Step and Winfield Ave. are completed.

Estimates to repair the manholes in old town and other I & I work will be gathered and paying for the underestimate on the shelter can safely be paid for with ARPA money, but anything else will be delayed until the uncertainty of ARPA funds can be clarified.

The Sanitary Board Meeting time has been changed in order for the Mayor to be able to attend the Putnam County Commission meetings. The Commission moved to approve the grant for banners and hanging baskets along 817. This probably won't be completed until spring. It is the Commission's plan to begin with fiber optics from St. Albans down 817 and into Teays Valley as the first phase and we should be able to hook into that.

Police and Municipal Staff Report - Mayor's Report (cont'd)

The ball field grants are almost complete but still waiting on all parties. We have until the end of the month. Support has come from Shelly Moore Capito and Eric Tarr is on board but still waiting on two others for support.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.

Richie Ferguson reported that the ammonia level is still barely negligible and the transfer switch has been repaired. The Lakeside representative has checked ongoing problems and he will have his report by next month. Concrete work for the fence and bench and Christmas lighting required some time. There were 5 loads of sludge during the month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds

Discussed under the Mayor's Report.

Revision of Ordinances re. Contractors Licenses. Dana Campbell moved to approve the revisions on Article 721 regarding Contractors Licenses. Motion carried.

Winfield Fire Department Request. Ryan Powers recluses himself from the conversation. Kevin Karnes moved to donate \$6,000 from the budget to the Winfield Fire Department. Motion carried.

Any Additions Purchasing Card Policies and Procedures. Kevin Karnes moved to approve the additions as presented. Motion carried.

City National Report from Tim Lafon. Ryan Powers moved to go into Executive Session at 6:55. Ryan Powers moved to return from Executive Session at 7:12. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiring Another Plant/City Employee. Kevin Karnes moved to research the cost of hiring a new employee. Motion carried.

Aqua Aerobics Valve Over-Time Expense. Ryan Powers moved to deduct plant employee over time expenses of \$2,063 from monies owed to Aqua Aerobics. Motion carried.

New Business (cont'd)

Pay Increase for the Sanitary Board. Ryan Powers moved to increase each member's monthly pay by \$100 each. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-2022 Justice Assistance Grant 21-JAG-19. Kevin Karnes moved to authorize the Mayor to act on behalf of the Council to enter into a contractual agreement with the West Virginia Division of Justice & Community Services to receive and administer grant funds pursuant to provisions of the Justice Assistance Grant program. Motion carried.

The Mix Hometown Highlight. No Action taken.

Cemetery Agreement with Vivian Dreblow. Dana Campbell moved to void the contract and return money paid to Vivian Dreblow. Motion carried.

Pay App #15 SBR Plant. Ryan Powers moved to approve Pay App #15 for \$16,125.38 for fencing. Motion carried.

SBR Plant Change Order #5 for Contract #1. No Change Order this month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder