

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on January 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

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

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

Absent:

Public/Guests:

Approval of Minutes Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$128,660.37 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

A.R.P.A. Hearing no objections or questions, Scott Morris moved to approve the A.R.P.A. financial statements for December 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report. The New Chief of Police, Jeff Losh was in sworn in and in attendance. He stated that his main goal would be recruitment. Reported that Non-Certified officers must be accompanied at all times when in the field, we currently have one Non-Certified officer that is scheduled to start the academy in June.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Richie Ferguson reported that the Christmas lights are down, and he gave an update on sludge progress.

The Mayor reported that the parts are in for the lightning arresters, and issues were corrected at the lift stations. The screen pump froze, but there was no damage. Aqua was here to finish the last of the lightning damage and found another part to be replaced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. Nothing to discuss.

Informational Signs. We received two estimates from Signorama and Paris Signs. Signorama was the cheaper of the two quotes at \$63,519.70, Dana Campbell confirmed that the Signorama quote includes labor. Mayor Barrett informed council that we have almost collected more B&O taxes in six months than was budgeted for this fiscal year. Kevin Karnes made the motion to get verbiage added to the Signorama quote that the quote includes labor and proceed with the purchase of the new sign.

Community Center Rental Rates. The Community Center needs some paint inside to cover damage on walls, Richie bought 2 pallets of mulch for \$50.00. Previous discussions have been to raise rent; no action taken at this time. Add to next month's agenda possibly adding a flagpole at the Community Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (cont.)

Premium Only Plan Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Tim Lafon passed out a paper discussing the Section 125 Cafeteria Plans. Nikki Phillips will email council members notes from last month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annex Road. The first step in annexation of the roads is to draft an ordinance. Motion made by Ryan Powers to draft an ordinance so that Tim Lafon can enter conversations with the DOH.

Manhole at Planters Road. There is no access from Water's Edge, Mayor Barrett presented a quote from Benchmark of \$5,500 for a one-day completion or \$9,500 for a two-day completion. The Sanitary Board approved to add the additional manhole at Planter's Road.

Change February Council Date. Ryan Powers motioned to moved council meeting to February 21, 2023 @ 6pm.

Proceed with Home Rule. Plan to bring orphaned streets into city limits. Tim Lafon has worked with St. Albans and the WVML has worked with Milton on Home Rule projects. Council needs to be informed of stuff you can and cannot do. The town will need a CPA to prepare financial calculations, then there will need to be a public hearing. The process will take several months.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

Vote on New Member for Building Commission. Motion made by Joe Rumbaugh, to approve Larry Dawson as a new member on the Municipal Building Commission to replace David Mattocks.

GOOD OF THE Order:

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Dave Mattocks, Recorder