

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 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: Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim LaFon, City Counsel and Ritchie Ferguson, City Maintenance.

Public/Guests: Members of the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire Service Board were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the September 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 September 2022 in the amount of \$108,635.35 be approved. Motion carried.

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

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Revised Coal Severance Statement for September 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 Police Department was doing good work for being shorthanded. Officer Deflumeri has proven to be exceptional as was expected.

Todd Lowe who recently retired from the St. Albans Police Department has been hired to help out short term.

There are 4 different cases going on at the schools and 2 of them may be felonies.

We are recruiting now but it seems like every other department is having the same issues. The Chief says that he will not lower his standards and he is waiting for quality.

The Mayor reported: There are some 100% storm water grants available so he is meeting with Isaac Fadiga of Thrasher to walk through Radwin and Mariner to see if these systems would qualify for a storm water grant.

There was a meeting today concerning the sidewalk up to Mariner's and the 20% match. It's estimated that there will be 5 phases and costing approximately \$3,000,000 with City matching 20% each time.

The grounding rods around the plant will be around \$9,000 and covered with contingency money. There is about \$100,000 to \$160,000 left in the contingency fund and the Sanitary Board is looking into a metal building to store equipment.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Ritchie Ferguson reported that they were starting to put grounding rods around the plant and he gave an update on city maintenance. The Mayor mentioned that a solar company had come in yesterday and gave an overview of what could be accomplished at the plant. They stated that \$179,000 could be saved over a 20 year period. There wasn't time to bring all the information to Council but there would be more to report next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. The Mayor presented two bills approved by the Sanitary Board that needed Council's approval for payment - a bill from Precision Pump for \$6,951 and a bill that was overlooked from Thrasher for \$3,922.50. Dana Campbell moved to pay a total of \$10,873.50 for both bills from the ARPA fund. Motion carried.

Ryan Powers moved to pay City and Sanitary Board expenses up to \$7500 from their respective budgets before involving ARPA funds. Motion carried.

Kevin Karnes moved to pay from ARPA \$32,601.65 for the provided list of components to have on hand when needed. Motion carried.

Street Repair Project. Woodbend Cove was completed today and Winfield Trace will be tomorrow's project. After that a patch at the Community Center will be completed. Someone else will be coming in to start the curbing at Mariner's Landing. The black top will be starting soon with an ending date of the week before Thanksgiving.

The Mayor was able to negotiate a 10% discount from C.J. Hughes and a 6% discount from Myers Paving.

Informational Signs. Table for next month until more information is gathered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation by Putnam County Fire Service Board. Richard Pullin, the Fire Administrator for the Fire Service Board, spoke to Council concerning the Emergency Service Levy which will be on the November 8th ballot. He was there to clarify and answer any questions

Winfield Sanitary Board, Renew Appointment Rod Burns. Kevin Karnes moved to approve the appointment of Rod Burns to the Sanitary Board. Motion carried.

Annexation Roads. Moved to the January agenda.

Winfield Stroll Monthly Advertisement Request. No action

Donation Request – WVRC Media. Ryan Powers moved to pay \$220 to WVRC Media for radio advertising at the Scott Game on October 28th with the contingency of paying another \$220 if there is a play-off game. Motion carried.

New Business (Cont'd)

Sale of Property Across the Street from Cemetery. Dana Campbell moved to sell the property across the street from the cemetery. Motion carried.

Pay APP#1 Contract #1 Manhole Rehabilitation Project. The Mayor stated that all the manholes have been sprayed completely but one. They have to go back in and complete the laterals and floor and then put a coating on everything. Ryan Powers moved to pay \$134,579.37 for pay app #1. Motion carried.

Change Order #1 Contract #1 Retention Pond. Ryan Powers moved to accept change order #1 for \$59,000 to add the retention pond. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder