

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

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

Attendance:

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

Staff Present: Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim LaFon (Phone) City Counsel, Chief of Police, Jeff Losh, Officer Jacob Fletcher

Absent:

Public/Guests:

Approval of Minutes

September 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting – Ryan Powers motion to accept.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of September 2023 in the amount of \$171,669.35 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 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for September 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

A.R.P.A. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the A.R.P.A. statements and checks written as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Jeff Losh reported police department. Department is working with schools on mock traffic stops and DUI stops. New officer, Jacob Fletcher, was sworn in.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Completed tap repairs on 2nd street. Minor issues, but results are clear. Issue with the pump station has been corrected.

Tim Lafon briefed update on Chapman lawsuit. Lawsuit has been sent to WV Supreme Court for decision on certified question regarding consequential damages.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Proceed with Home Rule – Our accountants, Todd Dingess and Debbi Rabel, are working on sales tax provision. What is the city going to use the 1% sales tax revenue to accomplish? Once you commit to allocate the 1% for a specific purpose there is no going back, it is committed.

Property Auction –

Executive Session. – Kevin Karnes motion to enter executive session at 6:25 PM. Ryan Powers motion to exit executive session at 6:30 PM.

Kevin Karnes motioned that if the property next to the Municipal Building becomes available again at a future date, approve purchase of the adjacent property up to \$230,000. If we can purchase the property for less, we would be willing to sign an affidavit of consideration of charitable contribution that the land will be used for public service.

Ordinance 2023-2024-1. Article 517.09 Ordinance Barring Minors from Attending Adult Live Performances - Dana Campbell motion to approve 2nd reading. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trunk or Treat Donation – Ryan Powers motion to take \$350 from Coal Severance to purchase candy for October 25th Trunk or Treat and October 31st Trick or Treat patrols.

Mayoral Proclamation-Christian Heritage Week – Dana Campbell motion to approve the week of Thanksgiving as Christian Heritage Week. Motion carried.

Additional Camera Community Center – Scott Morris motion to accept bid and purchase additional camera for the Community Center from Electronic Specialties in the amount of \$4,428. Ryan Powers abstained; motion carried.

Budget Revision General Fund – Kevin Karnes motion to approve General Fund Budget Revision 2 as presented. Increasing Misc Revenue \$11,000, Increasing Police Expenditures \$6,600 for computers, Increasing Community Center Expenditures by \$4,400 to cover cameras. Motion carried.

Donation Request – WHS Cheer – Scott Morris motion to approve \$305 donation. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE Order:

Ryan Powers asked that we revisit the tree on 3rd Street. Joe Rumbaugh shared appreciation for the police department and what they did for the Driver's Ed Class at WHS.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Dave Mattocks, Recorder