

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on December 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

Members Attending: Randy Barrett, Mayor; Joe Rumbaugh, Dana Campbell, Steve Hanna and Ryan Powers members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

Staff Present: Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim LaFon, City Counsel, Richie Ferguson, Maintenance and Bill Harper, Plant Manager.

Absent: Kevin Karnes

Public/Guests: Tim Spradling of Benchmark.

Approval of Minutes Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of November 2022 in the amount of \$85,209.17 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 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for November 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.

The Mayor reported that the new police chief, Jeff Losh would be starting on Monday. Things have been cleaned up in the back and Ron turned in his truck yesterday. Seth Lewis has been hired on full time. We are shorthanded. Josh Twohig is at the high school, but we have no one at the middle school.

We have been told by the USDA to spend our Contingency Fund, \$230,119.60. We are trying to get a set of specs on a 100x50 metal building at the plant.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Richie Ferguson gave an update on City Maintenance.

The Mayor reported that the Sanitary Board had approved \$24,000 to purchase 6 resistors to go into the electrical panels, to further protect against lightning strikes at the sewer plant. Payment options to be discussed at a later date.

Bill Harper said it is difficult to get the sludge dry enough. They are aiming for 20% but 16.2 is the present ratio. A retired individual from the DEP is coming in next Thursday for consultation.

The Mayor stated that we have the permission from DEP to deliver the sludge to the farm on Plantation Road and we will be saving money since the sludge doesn't have to go to Beckley. We have taken 3 loads so far and left the spreader since the sludge can set no longer than 7 days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. No Action

Informational Signs. Ryan Powers moved to table until next month because revenues for this fiscal year have been higher than anticipated and after a closer inspection, money may be available before next year's budget.

Community Center Rental Rates. Nikki Phillips gave figures showing that the City had lost \$4500 on the Community Center last year. Jackie Hunter said that she would talk to the Seniors to see if they would be willing to give up the 2 Friday nights that they meet each month and move to a week night. There are more requests for week-end nights that have to be turned down and that could be generating cash to help with the loss now being incurred.

Thrasher Bills for Manhole Project. Dana Campbell moved to pay the Nov. 7th bill of \$15,219.20, less \$1,300 for a total of \$13,919.20. Motion carried. Ryan Powers moved to pay the Dec. 1st bill of \$12,360.79. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winfield Youth Wrestling Donation Request. Dana Campbell moved to donate \$500 to the Youth Wrestling Program. Motion carried.

Insurance Invoice Budgeted to be paid from Coal Severance. Dana Campbell moved to pay the insurance invoice from the Coal Severance Fund. Motion carried.

Premium Only Plan Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Tabled to the next meeting for further research.

Pay App #3 Contract #1. Dana Campbell moved to pay \$62,232.50 for Pay App #3 Contract #1. Motion carried.

Pay App #1, Change Order #1. The Mayor showed pictures of the inside work done on the retention pipe. Tim Spradling of Benchmark explained to Council that the silt was not removed from the bottom of the retention pipe rather holes were drilled and product was spread on the outside of the pipe to fix the seams. Ryan Powers moved to pay \$57,400 for Pay App #1, Change Order #1. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE Order: The Mayor thanked outgoing Councilman, Steve Hanna, for all his efforts and dedication to the Council. He presented a plaque from the Council and thanked Jackie Hunter for her years of dedication and retirement as Winfield City Recorder and her contributions to the Homecoming Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Dave Mattocks, Recorder