

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on March 8, 2022 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, Ryan Powers, Dana Campbell, members.

Staff Present: Tina Woollard, Municipal Administrator, Richie Ferguson, City Maintenance and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

Absent: Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

Public/Guests: Donald Underwood presented himself as a candidate for Putnam County Circuit Clerk. Isaac Fadiga of The Thrasher Group to provide an update on the SBR Plant.

Approval of Minutes: Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the February 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 February 2022 in the amount of \$146,803.90 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

A.R.P.A. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the February 2021 A.R.P.A. statement as presented. Motion carried.

General Fund Budget Revision 3 2021-2022. Ryan Powers moved to approve the General Fund Budget Revision 3 2021-2022 as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report.

Chief Arthur reported that Chris Thornton has been hired, Chief worked with Chris at WV State Police and we are thrilled to have him. Officer Thornton is already working on some felony investigations. Chief is pleased with the attitude and professionalism of the department. Officer Thornton said he went to Winfield High School and lives in Winfield, he enjoys working on investigations. Mayor Barrett sworn in Christopher Thornton as Winfield's newest officer.

The Mayor reported: That Billy Harper took another load of sludge to the Raleigh County landfill. The date for the Winfield Water Festival has been set for June 11th and we have already received the funds from the State. More money was allocated to fairs and festivals, planning to have The Highlanders and food trucks at least 3 Fridays this summer at the Community Center. We have interviewed for the City Clerk/Treasurer position and will be making a decision this week.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.

Richie Ferguson reported that there have been some residential sewer complaints. The Thrasher Group had a lab tech on-site at the plant to review lab procedures and processes. The Thrasher Group started and completed a survey on the manholes to determine the repairs needed. Richie said a representative from Aqua Aerobics has been on location for troubleshooting and will be back again soon. A concrete pad has been poured for at the boat ramp for the trash receptacles. And a new employee is starting soon.

Isaac Fadiga of The Thrasher Group reported that Lakeside has provided a proposal for a completely different screen. The proposal has been reviewed and approved. Aqua Aerobics has a few issues with the blowers and SCADA and that they are working on the issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. Mayor stated the Grant has a hard deadline of March 31st, nothing else to report.

Unfinished Business Cont'd

Third Reading & Adoption Ordinance 2021-2022-7 Article 723 Specific License Taxes. Dana Campbell moved to approval the Third Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2021-2022-7 Article 723 Specific License Taxes. Motion carried.

B&O Tax Break for Fiber Optics/Capital Projects. Table.

Opening of 2022-2023 Mowing Bids. Two bids were received: Superior Lawn Services at \$2,800 a month and Johnny's Lawn Service at \$2,299 a month. Kevin Karnes made a motion to award the lowest bidder, Johnny's Lawn Service. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Fund Budget 2022-2023. Tina Woollard stated that we received our Certificate of Valuation which changed our Ad Valorem revenue amount, increasing by \$20,961.00. The street expense was increased. The sidewalk project funds were moved from streets to general government projects. Kevin Karnes made a motion to accept the budget update as presented. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Budget 2022-2023. Mayor Barrett stated no changes have been made to the Coal Severance Budget since reviewed at the Budget Meeting. Kevin Karnes made a motion to accept the Coal Severance Budget 2022-2023 as presented. Motion carried.

Consider date for Spring clean-up. Ryan Powers made a motion to set the Spring clean-up for Saturday, May 21st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Motion carried.

Change meeting date for April – Lay of the Levy. Joe Rumbaugh made a motion to change the April meeting to April 19th. Motion carried.

Fire Department Donation. Kevin Karnes made a motion to pay the Fire Department \$5,300.00. Motion carried.

Thrasher's Invoice(s). Dana Campbell moved to approve the \$1,610.00 payment to Thrasher on the invoice. Motion carried.

Sidewalk Project moved to the other side of Rt. 817/monies for easements. Mayor reported that \$81,665.00 is the match for the project either side of the road. If we move the project back to the south side of the road, it will cost an additional match of \$9,737.83. The current owners changed their mind on providing the right-of-way, DOH contacted Mayor and said if we move the project it will delay the project start date by a year plus the additional match. Council would like Mayor to go back negotiate with current property owners.

Home Rule. Dana Campbell made a motion to move forward with the Home Rule. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Jackie Hunter, Recorder