

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on May 11, 2021 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 and Ryan Powers, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

Absent: Dana Campbell

Staff Present. Tina Woollard, City Clerk/Treasurer; Richie Ferguson, City Maintenance; Ronald Arthur, Chief of Police; and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

Public/Guests. Mrs. Casto of Cain Creek Crossing was present to discuss a water drainage problem in her area.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 special meeting. Motion carried

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of April 2021 in the amount of \$108,129.87 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of April 2021 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for April 2021 be approved. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report.

Chief Arthur reported: It has been a good month. He feels that the police force is outstanding with the caliber of officers employed. They take the initiative and do intervention without being told. The new certified recruit, Devan Copley, was introduced to the Council and identified as a standout in his class and an honor grad at the Academy. Officer Twohig was commended for practicing 0 tolerance for drugs in the schools.

The Mayor reported: It has been posted that May 9-15 is Police Week in the City of Winfield.

There will be a cruise-in on September 25th at the Winfield Drag Race Hall of Fame.

All the tables have been delivered to the Community Center. The new tables should last longer since they are of the type that can be rolled on and off the floor as compared to the old ones that had to be put together and broken down after use. Hopefully the old ones can be used during Homecoming.

The Water Festival is still on schedule for June 12th and 13th. The Community Center will be open and 3 food trucks will be parked in the parking lot. Hopefully the new shelter will be under roof. A dumpster and bathroom facilities will be available.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.

Richie Ferguson reported on the work of the maintenance crew, with training on the new plant being the most time consuming. He stated that the ammonia level for May was 24.8 mg/L. The Mayor reiterated that the maintenance crew is back on a five, 8hr day schedule due to all the training required.

The Mayor stated that the new plant is running at about 90% completion. A sub-contracted part that was not satisfactory had to be re-ordered and should be shipped by the end of the week or Monday of next week. Temporary measures have been utilized until the part is received.

The kitchen and most of the lab equipment has been delivered.

Rudi Arrowood will resume videoing training on Thursday and Friday.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report (cont'd)

The Mayor noted that clean-up on the old sewer plant has begun. The small pond is empty. The liner has been pulled and it will be filled in today, but sludge removal in the deeper pond has not begun yet. Pressing should begin tomorrow.

Councilman Powers asked that a record be kept of the flow through the new plant during the summer months and recorded again after the new school year begins.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Community Center Discussion on Opening to Public/Sanitation/Fees. Ryan Powers moved to have the Community Center cleaned once a week and to reassess it again at the July Council meeting. Motion carried.

Street Committee Report. Laura Cox is preparing a package to go out for bid for streets in Berry and Winfield Way.

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2020-2021-11 2021 Replacement Pages. Kevin Karnes moved to hold second reading on the above mentioned ordinance. Motion carried.

Second Reading Revise License Tax. No action taken.

Take Home Cruiser for Officers Holding Supervisor Rank Policy Revisions. Kevin Karnes moved to approve the Take Home Cruiser Policy as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pay App #11 SBR Plant. At the recommendation of the Sanitary Board, Kevin Karnes moved to release funds for Pay App #11 as follows:

\$121,975.31 – Hayslett Construction.

18,711.77 – The Thrasher Group

\$140,687.08 - Total Motion carried

Appointments to Board of Zoning and Appeals. At the recommendation of the Mayor, Ryan Powers moved to appoint Chuck Elkins to the Board of Zoning and Appeals, commencing on May 11, 2021. Motion carried.

New Business (cont'd)

Resolution of Support for the Winfield Downtown Streetscape Transportation Alternatives. Kevin Karnes moved to support the Downtown Streetscape Transportation Alternatives. Motion carried.

Donation to Honor the Winfield High School 2021 Seniors. Ryan Powers moved to approve donating \$850 to honor the Winfield High School 2021 seniors. Motion carried.

Playground Equipment Repairs. Ryan Powers moved to table the playground equipment repairs for further research. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Steve Hanna moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder