

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 14, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**Attendance:**

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

**Staff Present.** Tina Woollard, City Clerk/Treasurer; Richie Ferguson, City Maintenance; Laura Cox, City Planner and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

**Public/Guests.** Shelly Kirk spoke concerning a small library within the City. The Mayor noted that the issue could be placed on the agenda for the following month if the library is to be at City Hall but if the Court House location is preferred, it would have to go before the County Commission.

**Approval of Minutes.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 emergency meeting. Motion carried

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of August 2021 in the amount of \$50,316.39 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

**A.R.P.A Fund Financial Statement** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the American Relief Fund showing \$473,215.50 in assets and no liabilities, be approved. Motion carried. The Mayor mentioned that orders have been placed to get 2 panels for under \$40,000 and work will begin the first of the month on the storm water and exposed sewer line at Falcon Lane and pre-authorized street repairs.

## **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:**

### **Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

**Chief Arthur reported:** There were 2 misdemeanor drug arrests and other similar problems at Brittany Pointe but several eviction notices have been given which should alleviate the situation.

Chief Arthur is pleased with the Police Department and how well they work together.

**The Mayor reported:** The SBR Plant contractor is cleaning up the last of pond/sludge situation. To date 2,000 tons of sludge has been evacuated. The original estimate for the process was \$28,000 but that price \$160,000 and will be covered from contingency funds.

The parts for the pumps should be in Friday and the generator switch by the end of October. The generator works but requires a lot of attention. The screen still needs to be cleaned once a week and may not be enough. Options are being investigated. Even with all the issues, the plant is working at capacity within the State limits way down to single digits or below.

The truck for the SBR Plant is currently out getting a bed installed and should be in by the middle of October.

### **Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.**

Richie Ferguson reported Homecoming activities comprised most of the month. The ammonia level for August was .09 mg/L.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds.**

The Mayor discussed in the A.R.P.A section under "Financial" above.

**Discuss TIF District Ordinance for Parks.** No action taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DataMax Presentation from Bobby Monroe.** Bobby Monroe and Eddy Forest explained how DataMax helps municipalities generate revenue on unreported sales and get businesses in compliance within city limits. Ryan Powers moved that the City of Winfield enter a contract with DataMax. Motion carried.

**Contractor's License Changes.** Kevin Karnes moved that the City of Winfield make the appropriate changes in compliance with the new state code. Motion carried.

**Trick or Treat.** Steve Hanna moved to hold Trick or Treat in the City of Winfield on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

### **Winfield High School Girls Basketball Donation Request for Uniforms.**

Ryan Powers moved to approve a donation to WHS Girls Basketball with the amount previously approved for donations and after the proper paperwork has been submitted. Motion carried.

**Opioid Lawsuit Decision.** Table for now.

**Appointment to Planning Commission.** At the recommendation of the Mayor, Dana Campbell moved to accept Jeff Schoolcraft as a member of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

**Possible Tax Incentives for New Softball Park.** Mayor Barrett will present his current plan to Ray Burke. ~~Table~~ Kevin Karnes moved to accept the Resolution to apply for the Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Program Grant. Motion carried.

**Changes to Ordinance 1709.02 Mobile and Sectionalized Mobile Homes.** No action to be taken.

**Changes to Ordinance 1709.06 Identification of Existing Sites.** Ryan Powers moved to update the list of existing sites. Motion carried.

**Changes to Ordinance 1709.08 Designated Parks.** Joe Rumbaugh moved to remove the last sentence in Ordinance 1709.08. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

**Vacant Property Registration Fees 1713.17.** The Mayor explained that vacant property owners are paying fines but not complying with selling or demolishing their property. He stated that fees collected from vacant property go into a separate account to be used if the City is forced to do demolition. The Planning Commission recommended adjusting the fee structure. Kevin Karnes moved to adjust the fee structure and bring back to Council for a second reading. Motion carried.

**Building Permit Fees/Demolition Fees 1717.11.** Ryan Powers moved to waive building permit fees and demolition fees for property on the vacant property list. Motion carried.

**B&O Tax on Contracting-Demolition with New Construction 0741.12** Kevin Karnes moved that no contractor fees be charged on new construction completed within two years of vacant property being destroyed. Motion carried.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Only one cruz-in will be held this year and it will be September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm until dark at the Drag Races Hall of Fame at City Hall. A special ceremony will be held at 5:00 p.m. to induct 2020-2021 members into the Drag Race Hall of Fame.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

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Jackie Hunter, Recorder