

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 9, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on February 9, 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, Ryan Powers, Dana Campbell, members.

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

**Absent:** Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

**Public/Guests:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried. Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 special meeting. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of January 2021 in the amount of \$105,026.66 be approved. Motion carried.

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

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

**REPORTS, QUESTIONS, & DISCUSSIONS:**

**Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

**Chief Arthur reported:** School Resource Officers received recognition for shoveling snow for an older couple.

**Police and Municipal Staff Report. (CONT'D)**

The Zuercher system's capabilities exceed expectations. We can go back to track things and pull stats. The Department has recovered stolen property five months in a row now. Officer Peña recovered a stolen truck, three days after the truck was stolen. Chief Arthur is very proud of the teamwork.

The Department is following the COVID-19 guidelines. Thankful that no one in the department has been dramatically affected by the virus.

**The Mayor reported:** Brandon Hunt is now full-time with the City of Winfield.

Council needs to be thinking about budget items, Falcon Lane, Berry Hills, Winfield Way, and lease for the two Taurus vehicles are running out. Mayor Barrett will be getting pricing for a Dodge truck.

Richie Ferguson caught someone working in Radwin without a license. Richie shut the work down, the work was not being done right, and the resident has hired someone to tear it down and rebuild. The legislator is trying to do away with all licenses in the towns.

People have approached to build smaller homes. Planning voted last night for a minimum of 750 square feet and minimum width of 13 feet for smaller homes in Old Town; will be discussed at next month's meeting.

We received Cares Reimbursement for December.

Update meeting this morning, SBR Plant expected to be up and running end of February – first of March.

**Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.**

Richie Ferguson reported on the work of the maintenance crew for the last month and stated that the ammonia level for January was 21 mg/L. Discussions with Hayslett for items needed and may need for the new SBR Plant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Community Center Discussion on Opening to Public/Sanitation/Fees.** No action.

**Third Reading and Adoption of Ord. 2020-2021-7 Text Amend Article 925.01 Rates: (C) Connection Charge.** Mayor Barrett had Tim LaFon make changes to A. development/application/unit, unit was added for clarification. After the first ten tap fees have been paid, the tap fee would be \$ 75.00 for each tap after. These changes have been accepted by the Sanitary Board. Steve Hanna made a motion to approve the 925.01 Rates. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pay App #8 SBR Plant.** Aqua Aerobics submitted a Pay App this time, requesting roughly 90% of their contract, the remaining balance will be paid after startup. Ryan Powers moved to pay the Pay App #8 as presented. Motion carried.

**Change Order #2 for Contract #1.** Sanitary Board voted this morning, the only difference between the two options besides the price, is behind the basins against the river is grassed on the \$22,000 and all gravel on the other. Bill Harper and Richie Ferguson discussed and were in favor of all gravel. This morning Sanitary Board made a motion for the option with all gravel totaling \$37,344. Kevin Karnes made a motion to accept Change Order #2 for the amount of \$37,344.22. Motion carried.

**Advertise for mowing bids for city property for 2021-2022 season.** Kevin Karnes made a motion to advertise for mowing bids for city property for 2021-2022 season. Motion carried.

**Employee Handbook: vacation accruals page 8.** Vacation accruals are listed twice on page 8. Mayor Barrett stated when the accruals were updated, the old accruals were missed. Requesting that Vacation Benefits section be removed and leave the Vacation Accrual section. Steve Hanna made a motion to approve the removal of the Vacation Benefits that were left by mistake when the Vacation Accrual was added. Motion carried.

**Hold Municipal Court every other month.** Mayor Barrett was at Court last month, also present: Tina, Jennifer, all the officers, Attorney, and Judge. No one showed for Court, resulting in a waste of money. Mayor Barrett suggested we skip March and we start holding Court every other month. We will also adjust the budget to go back to every other month. Dana Campbell moved to hold Municipal Court every other month. Motion carried.

**Donation for WV Gold Star Mothers' flag.** Ryan Powers made a motion to make the same donation that we did the last time to the Gold Star Mothers, a donation of \$500.00. Motion carried.

**Approve release of payment to WVDOH for Winfield Downtown Streetscape in the amount of \$77,533.75.** Mayor Barrett asked if the City receives approval for the streetscape easement right of way, to have the authorization to write a check for \$77,533.75 for the 20%. Kevin Karnes made a motion to approve the amount of \$77,533.75. Motion carried.

**New Business (CONT'D)**

**Dale Vance's request for City to accept ownership & responsibility of stormwater line.** No action.

**Set date for budget work session.** Kevin Karnes made a motion to hold the budget meeting on March 1, 2021, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mayor Barrett met with Ted Duty from Visitors Bureau and Evan Young with Appalachian Boarding to discuss the Winfield Water Festival. The festival will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> events will include paddle boarding, kayaking, and tubing.

**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.

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Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

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Jackie Hunter, Recorder