

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

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

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

Public/Guests. Steve DeWeese, candidate for Putnam County Commissioner, spoke to the council concerning his campaign.

Approval of Minutes. Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting with the correction of the date from December 12 to December 14. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$119,911.74 be approved. Motion carried.

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

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for December 2021 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.

Financial (cont'd)

General Fund Budget Revision 2 2021-2022

Kevin Karnes moved that the following adjustment be approved. Motion carried.

Acct. #	Acct Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amt.
440	City Hall	145,771		6,000	139,771
706	Fire Dept.	7,000	6,000		13,000

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report.

Chief Arthur reported: Calls and services were up in all parts of the City except for Brittany Pointe.

The Department has been hit hard with COVID and one officer is leaving to go to Nitro. We can take a lot of pride in the Department and their hard work.

A word of encouragement came from an employee at the Dollar General. She said, "You you shouldn't shoplift in Winfield because you will be arrested".

The Mayor reported: The County Commission questioned how the Mayor felt about giving relief from permits and B & O Tax for Fiber Optics.

Laura Cox has submitted the grant for the Ball Park and received a response.

The flower baskets, street signs, and hardware have been ordered. He is consulting with Gritt's about the maintenance and upkeep and has lined up the telephone poles for the banners.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.

Richie Ferguson reported on the work of the maintenance crew. He said that the ammonia for November was barely traceable. An electric trace and insulation had to be added to the screen to keep it from freezing. The dump truck is back.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds

No report.

Second Reading & Adoption Ord. 2021-2022-6 Amend Article 721 License

Generally. Dana Campbell moved to approve the second reading of the above amended article. Motion carried.

Hiring Another Plant/City Employee. Kevin Karnes moved to place an ad to hire another plant/city employee starting at a base pay of \$15/hr. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Remaining Contingency Funds for SBR Plant. Dana Campbell moved to hold \$178,000 from payment until the screen issues are resolved. Motion carried.

SBR Plant Change Order #5 for Contract #1. No action

Ordinance 2021-2022-7 Article 723 Specific License Taxes. Ryan Powers moved to update the above Ordinance and Article to 723.1. Motion carried.

Appointments to Planning Commission. At the recommendation of the Mayor: Dana Campbell moved to approve Dave Dean to the Planning Commission. Motion carried. Dana Campbell moved to approve Jason Crane to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Appointments to Board of Zoning and Appeals. At the recommendation of the Mayor: Ryan Powers moved to approve Kim Porter to the BZA. Motion carried. Steve Hanna moved to approve Derek Jones to the BZA. Motion carried. Joe Rumbaugh moved to approve Chris Shearer to the BZA. Motion carried.

Council to Address the Recusal of Members of all Boards (conflict of interest).

Ryan Powers moved that any board member or a member of the Council, who has a conflict of interest on a said matter, should not vote on that matter and they should remove themselves from the room. Motion carried.

New Business (cont'd)

Streetscape Project Proposed Changes. The Mayor noted that after Council approved moving the project to the other side of 817, due to failure to obtain right-of-way, the property was sold and the new owner agreed to give the City right-of-way for the project. Dana Campbell moved that due to the sale of the land, the City can return to the original Streetscape Design, from the doctor's office down to Ferry Street. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Joe Rumbaugh passed along compliments to the City workers for their good work keeping the streets clear during the recent snow storm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder