

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 12, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on October 12, 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, Dana Campbell and Ryan Powers, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

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

**Public/Guests.** None speaking.

**Approval of Minutes.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting with the removal of the word “table” before Kevin Karnes’ motion under **Possible Tax Incentives for New Softball Park**. Motion carried

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of September 2021 in the amount of \$168,259.35 be approved. Motion carried.

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

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for September 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, with no activity, as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

**Chief Arthur reported:** 3 felony investigations are in progress. Calls are up during the month with more domestic calls and less criminal calls.

**The Mayor reported:** He and Tina were in training at the Auditor's Office today. How the ARPA infrastructure money can be spent is still undecided. The Panel Boxes and Omni Sites for all the stations have already been ordered and work on Falcon Lane and manholes in old town is needed. We will do what has to be done regardless, and hope that it will be covered by ARPA funds

Thrasher gave an estimate on the Ball Park of 4.3 million and the Parks and Recreation Grant would be for 5 million. Laura Cox has surveyed several different sources concerning income from a ball park but the main thrust would be people coming to the park and providing more tourism to Winfield. Thrasher was asked to add solar panels to the press box and the 5 shelters. Negotiations on parking sound positive as long as a footprint is left for the businesses concerned. Laura will have the grant in by the end of the month and the drawings are completed after approval from all concerned. There will be a "yes" or "no" by the first of the year and the money is out by April.

Street work was started at Berry Hills today and the street will be blocked for the rest of the week.

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

Richie Ferguson reported on the work of the maintenance crew. He said that work on the screen and the press was the biggest focus. The ammonia level was almost undetectable.

The Mayor stated that legalities are being discussed concerning the \$120,000 screen at the new SBR plant which has to be cleaned by hand once a week. Hours are being documented. The subject is on the agenda for the Sanitary Board when they meet Thursday. Thrasher has been notified of the dissatisfaction and Thrasher has notified the manufacturer. Enough money needs to be left after the final bills are paid to cover any added costs that might incur should a new piece of equipment be needed and it should not come from the contingency fund.

Sludge is still being removed but is greatly shrunk.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Discussed under the Mayor's Report.

**Opioid Lawsuit Decision.** No action Taken.

**Second Reading & Adoption Ord. 2021-2022-1 Update Article 1709.06 – Identification of Existing Sites.** Ryan Powers moved to accept the second reading & adoption of Ord. 2021-2022-1 Update Article 1709.06 as stated above. Motion carried.

**Second Reading & Adoption Ord. 2021-2022-2 Amend Article 1709.08-Designated Parks.** Steve Hanna moved to accept the second reading & adoption Ord. 2021- 2022-2 Amend Article 1709.08. Motion carried.

**Second Reading Ord. 2021-2022-3 Revise Article 1713.17 Assessment of Fees.** Ryan Powers moved to accept the second reading to revise Article 1713.17. Motion carried.

**Second Reading Ord. 2021-2022-4 Amend Article 1717.11 Building Permit Fee Schedule.** Kevin Karnes moved to accept the second reading to amend Article 1717.11 after adding the following. "For Registered Vacant Structures, demolition fees and bonds are waived. However, a plan review fee and asbestos report are required prior to demolition". Motion carried.

**Second Reading Ord. 2021-2022-5 Amend Article 0741.12 Business of Contracting** Kevin Karnes moved to accept the second reading to amend Article 0741.12. Motion carried.

**Second Reading Ord. 2021-2022-6 Amend Article 0721.02 Purposes for Which License Required.** Kevin Karnes moved to table.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointment to Sanitary Board.** At the recommendation of the Mayor, Joe Rumbaugh moved to reappoint Clarence Litton to the Sanitary Board, for a term of 3 years. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Mayor reported that after having been ordered months ago, the trash cans for the boat dock have finally been shipped.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

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Jackie Hunter, Recorder