

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 14, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**Attendance:**

**Members Attending:** Randy Barrett, Mayor; Joe Rumbaugh, Ryan Powers (Via Phone), Kevin Karnes, Scott Morris, Dana Campbell members; David Mattocks, Recorder.

**Staff Present:** Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer; Tim LaFon, City Counsel; Chief of Police, Jeff Losh; Richie Ferguson, City Employee.

**Absent:**

**Public/Guests:** Greg Winter, Joyce Cutlip

**Approval of Minutes**

October 10, 2023 – Regular Meeting – Joe Rumbaugh motion to accept.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the bills paid for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$195,855.68 be approved. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of October 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Kevin Karnes moved that the Coal Severance Statement for October 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

**A.R.P.A.** Hearing no objections or questions, Kevin Karnes moved to approve the A.R.P.A. statement as presented. Motion carried.

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

**Police and Municipal Staff Report.** Jeff Losh reported police department has made multiple arrests and presented a case to the grand jury. Cleared out the back offices and revamped the evidence room. Received and trained with new shotguns. Alternator went out on the Taurus.

**Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.** Patched holes in Riverdale. Moved stuff from the old plant to the new plant. Parsons Contracting installed concrete for the new building. Hydraulic lines need to be replaced on the tractor. Started putting up Christmas lights.

**Chairman Report.** Billy Harper's schedule is changing to two days a week (Wednesday/Thursday) and on call as needed, utilizing his PTO banked time to cover days off. Dennis Harrison is going to get his CDL license, and Workforce is going to pay 40% of the cost. Dennis is planning to take the course this winter.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds.** Nothing to report.

**Proceed with Home Rule** – Tim Lafon updated that Todd Dingess will have analysis of the 1% sales tax implication over the next week and Tim will get the report ready to submit. Tim Lafon recommended an update on the auction amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000, with no bids needed. The State of West Virginia updated their no bids needed amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

**Property Auction** – Property did not sale at auction. No action.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Street Sign Cash Lane** – A resident of Cash Lane stated that the street sign they purchased keeps getting stolen and would like to know if the City would put up a permanent sign. Richie Ferguson explained that the signs in Radwin were necessary for 911 to find houses. Kevin Karnes questioned where else we would have to put up signs since Cash Lane is private property. Tim Lafon state that if you do not own the street, you should not do any maintenance. Ryan Powers stated that we would be marking the street, not taking ownership. Dana suggested that the citizen should check with 911 or the county to see if they could get a free street sign put up. No action taken.

**Incentives for Development Outside City Limits wanting to Annex in** – There are a couple of developments being built outside of city limits, (beside the Winfield Baptist Church and behind Wendy's), that are looking to annex into city limits. City Engineers and Laura Cox would look over plans and approve that the developments are going to be built to city codes. Would those developments be able to petition the city for incentives (before or after) they build to come into city limits? (i.e.: No building permits for structure, building inspection, etc. The city would still get B&O from rentals, property taxes and tap fees). Tim Lafon suggested that upfront cost waiver should only apply to the first year or first application then it goes away. Tabled till next meeting.

**Municipal Building Commission Membership Renewal** – Dana Campbell motion to approve Huey Lovejoy for another Municipal Building Commission term. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission Membership Renewal** – Dana Campbell motion to approve Bill Davis for another Planning Commission term. Motion carried. Kevin Karnes motion to approve Diann Hodges for another Planning Commission term. Motion carried. Joe Rumbaugh motion to approve Jeff Schoolcraft for another Planning Commission term. Motion carried. Joe Rumbaugh motion to approve Sean Lloyd for another Planning Commission term. Motion carried.

**Opioid Settlement** – Email from Shelley Humphreys at the State Auditor's Office stated that the funds from the Opioid Settlement must be deposited into a separate checking account. There are several stipulations on how these funds can be spent. Tim Lafon suggested that we go in with the Putnam County Administrator as part of a collective pool. Table to next meeting.

**Cradle Point Upgrade** – Tony Gillispie with the Winfield Fire Department has a meeting with all fire chiefs on Thursday and should know more information about whether the fire department will need Cradle Point going forward. The current contract expires December 31, 2023. Table to next meeting.

**GOOD OF THE Order:**

Joe Rumbaugh – From the Hoge House Committee -Thank you to Mayor and city employees for support and work at the Hogue House repairing the water line.

Next meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:36 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

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Dave Mattocks, Recorder