

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on December 12, 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.

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

Absent: David Mattocks, Recorder

Public/Guests:

Approval of Minutes

November 14, 2023 – Regular Meeting – Ryan Powers motion to accept.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the bills paid for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$145,400.02 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the financial statement for the month of November 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the Coal Severance Statement for November 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

A.R.P.A. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell 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. Department is going great. Every month 911 printout, if you would like a copy 319 calls – Month of November – 8 tickets written, 3 dismissed, 1 written by Jeff Losh for a MVI that was dead over 3 years; dismiss if fixed. Several complaints on inconvenience of being pulled over – tickets are only written when there is a problem with the vehicle or speeding over 10 mph. December 2nd traffic stop– Mark pulled over woman from Berry Hills with ½ pound of marijuana and 30 oxycotin pills. Police Department is currently preparing for the Christmas parade on Saturday.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. All Christmas lights are up and hopefully we can budget to get more new pole decorations. Bucket truck is broken down, used Eleanor's to finish putting up decorations. AAA Septic Service cleaned pump stations this month.

Randy Barrett reports that a load of sludge will be going to Beckley tomorrow. Hayes called about wanting to come into town- this will need to be an agenda item next month. WVML officers meet about B&O with state chambers of commerce again on Thursday this should be good news for cities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. See #3 Property Discussion notes.

Proceed with Home Rule – Tim Lafon is waiting for numbers from our accountant. The accountant is planning to meet the mayor and city clerk on Thursday.

Property Auction – Eric and Dale want \$230,000 and to close after first of year. Tim Lafon will talk to buyer's accountants and lawyers to see if this price is at all negotiable with a tax break incentive. Jack Ramsey with EL Robinson has finished the property survey. Tim Lafon will work on what needs to be done at the courthouse.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont.):

Ordinance 2023-2024-2 Incentives Development Outside City Limits wanting to annex in – Planning Commission suggested some changes to the original ordinance for Developments Outside City Limits to come into city limits, this will address developments being completed in sections. Ordinance will need three (3) readings since it involves money. Mayor Barrett wants developers to come into city limits before sale of homes and must build streets to city specifications. Tim Lafon summarized Planning suggestion to completion must be done with in four (4) years. Dana Campbell made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2023-2024-2.

Opioid Settlement – We are expecting to get less than \$10,000 -State requires these funds be deposited into a separate interest-bearing checking account. County Commission will vote to see if they can pull all municipalities in county together to make funds more efficiently useable. Table County Commission discussion until next meeting.

Cradle Point Upgrade – Runs out 12/31/2023. Mayor Barrett has not heard from Fire Chief Tony at the Winfield Fire Department. Ryan Powers – MiKyle White is pushing for cradle point. Mayor suggests cutting off service as of 12/31/2023 and paying for something else at the Fire Department. Ryan Powers question to Fire Department – What is the need? Not a Blank Check. Dana Campbell motion to do away with Cradle Point for WVFD as of 12/31/2023. Kevin Karnes motioned that funds be allocated to another requirement if needed. Ryan Powers abstained from vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Temporary Shelter for Homeless – No members of the community showed up to explain need so there was no discussion and no action taken.

Ordinance 2023-2024-3 Replacement pages – Kevin Karnes motion to accept. Motion carried.

JAG Resolution and Budget Adjustment – Kevin Karnes motion to accept the JAG Resolution and Budget adjustment to reflect the awarded amount of \$29,750.00. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.):

Budget Adjustment-DOH Sidewalk Design – Sidewalk project that is currently in its design phase, the City of Winfield hired Terradon to complete the work. We mailed the \$25,000 match to the WVDOH in March of 2023, so we thought that they would pay Terradon as bill came due. WVDOH stated that since we hired Terradon, we must pay them directly and the WVDOH will reimburse us. Dana Campbell motion to approve budget adjustment in the amount of \$124,971 to reflect the in and out transactions of receipting the funds WVDOH sends to us and the expense of paying Terradon. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1345.06 Revision – Currently states anything coming into the city would be R1 which would require a vote to bring back to C1. We need to change the wording to reflect new property comes in as it is currently zoned but there needs to be requirements to preventing “Spot Zoning”. Tim Lafon – suggests wording for existing business will be zoned for the current business type, but undeveloped property can come in as zoning requested by entity to be annexed. Provision needs to be added that entity can request specific zoning prior to getting annexed in, which will also prevent “Spot Zoning”. Kevin Karnes motion to have Tim Lafon write up draft language to update the Ordinance. Motion Carried.

Putnam County Development Authority Donation Request – No action taken.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Kevin Karnes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Dave Mattocks, Recorder