

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

Members Attending. Randy Barrett, Mayor; Steve Hanna, Joe Rumbaugh (Via Phone) and Dana Campbell, members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

Absent. Ryan Powers and Kevin Karnes.

Staff Present. Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer; Ritchie Ferguson, City Maintenance and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

Public/Guests. Mike Rezac and Vivian Parsons of WVcorp spoke to Council concerning the benefits of being a member of WVcorp.

Approval of Minutes. Hearing no objections or questions, Steve Hanna moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022 budget meeting. Motion carried.
Dana Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the bills paid for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$131,201.55 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the financial statement for the month of March 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved that the Coal Severance Statement for March 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

A.R.P.A. Hearing no objections or questions, Dana Campbell moved to approve the March 2022 A.R.P.A. Statement as presented. Motion carried.

Financial (Cont'd)

Coal Severance Budget Revision 3-2021-2022 Dana Campbell moved to approve the Coal Severance Budget Revision as follows: Motion carried.

Revenues:

Acct. Number	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	Increase	Decrease	Revised Amt.
310	Coal Severance Tax	4,233	1,853		6,086

Acct. Number	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	Increase	Decrease	Revised Amt.
900	Parks & Recreation	2,250		2,250	
950	Beautification Programs	500	4,103		4,603

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Chief Arthur reported: All felonies at Patton Place have been closed. Several other felonies have been completed.

The new officer, he has been commended for his work assisting with forfeitures and other task forces. There is the possibility that Officer Thornton could supplement his Winfield income in the future by working with one of these task forces and being compensated through that source's funds. Chief Arthur stated he is too short handed in his department currently to move forward at this time.

Two officers have tested for the State Police.

The Mayor reported: The screen at the SBR broke into pieces requiring a repairman to come in on Tuesday. The new screen should be in the first week of June and we don't expect the old one to last that long.

Police and Municipal Staff Report - Mayor's Report (Cont'd)

We should know if we got the grant for the ballpark in May.

A contract has been obtained for demolishing the old funeral home, in exchange for dismissal of assessed fees.

An individual has reached out inquiring about placing a gambling establishment within City limits. He has requested a copy of city ordinances and will probably request to attend a future council meeting.

Overruns caused by COVID that total less than \$10 Million can be covered through ARPA. The shelter overruns of \$18,591 are in this category. The Mayor has tabled the discussion of transfer of funds until next month when more council members are in attendance.

The following projects that are needed and can be covered by ARPA were recommended by the Sanitary Board:

1. Steve Hanna moved to install new decking at the SBR Plant at a cost of \$4,576.94. Motion carried.
2. Dana Campbell moved to purchase a trash pump for the SBR Plant at a cost of \$624. Motion carried.
3. Dana Campbell moved to purchase 8 (discounted) small pumps to be used at the backwater for \$28,000. Motion carried.
4. Dana Campbell moved to purchase a portable generator for \$1,129 to cover work with remote problems such as the recent storm drain problem at Courtyard Estates. Motion carried.

A survey estimated that it would cost \$200,000 to work with approximately 50 manholes though out the town.

ARPA Funds (cont'd)

A company has been called in to research the problem with the 8 ft. underground retention pond at Courtyard Estates. The seams of the 376x8 ft. retention pond have been coming apart and causing more than 17 leaks and numerous sink holes. The cost is estimated to be more than \$25,000 to clean and spray the retention pond, research will allow a packet to be put together for bidding.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.

Ritchie Ferguson reported on the work of the maintenance crew and noted that ammonia levels were undetectable for the past two months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds

Discussed under the Mayor's Report.

Sidewalk Project Moved to the Other Side of Rt. 817/monies for Easements. The mayor has stated that he has been unsuccessful in reaching an agreement for an easement with the homeowner. Dana Campbell moved to take the sidewalk project back to the other side of Rt. 817. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lay of Levy 2022-2023 Tax Year.

Class II 24.560/100 Class IV 49.120/100

Net amount to be raised by Levy of Property Taxes for budget purposes: \$365,270.00
Steve Hanna moved to accept the 2022-2023 Lay of Levy. Motion carried.

Insurance Quotes 2022-2023 Tax Year. Introduction of WVcorp as recorded in Public/Guest section. No action taken.

New Business (cont'd)

Reconsideration of Vacancy Fee Imposed at 101 2nd Ave. The citizen request was reviewed and Tim Lafon advised the council that you could not dismiss fees for one citizen. No action taken.

Community Center/Shelter Rentals. Mayor presented a spreadsheet of loss in reference to the Community Center. He suggested tabling the vote until next meeting when more council members would be in attendance. No action taken.

Donation for WV Gold Star Mothers' Flag. Dana Campbell moved to donate \$500 to the Gold Star Mother's flag. Motion carried.

Resolution Approving Expression of Interest for Architectural and Engineering Design. Dana Campbell moved to accept a resolution approving expression of interest for architectural and engineering design for the Winfield Sidewalk System Project. Motion carried.

Resolution Approving Assistance to Ukraine. Dana Campbell moved to donate \$2334, a dollar for every citizen in Winfield, for assistance to Ukraine. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-2022-8 2022 Replacement Pages. Dana Campbell moved to approve the above ordinance for replacement pages. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Mayor reminded that the City clean-up would be May 21 from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder

