

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 20, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the special meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

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

Staff Present: Tina Woollard, City Clerk/Treasurer; Ronald Arthur, Chief of Police; Tim Lafon, City Counsel; and Richie Ferguson, City Maintenance.

Public/Guests: Kevin Watson of the Winfield Fire Department was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$115,569.39 be approved. Motion carried.

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

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for March 2021 be approved. Motion carried.

General Fund Budget Revision 8 2020-2021 Ryan Powers moved that the following budget revision be approved to cover money needed to be spent before reimbursement from grants. Motion carried.

Expenses:

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Previously Approved Amt.	(Increase)	(Decrease)	Revised Amt.
900	Parks & Rec	35,163	34,860		70,023
440	City Hall	387,307		34,860	352,447

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report.

Chief Arthur Reported that the department is doing very well and that outside training had been shut down due to COVID but should be resuming soon. However, in-house training has been ongoing.

There are two vacancies in the department; all shifts are being covered. One vacancy needs to be filled now and another by mid-summer. Several certified applicants have expressed interested in the current openings.

The Mayor Reported that Mo Betta BBQ will be delivering food to the boat dock when ordered.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Richie Ferguson gave an update on city maintenance and reported that the ammonia level for March was 18.5 mg/L.

The Mayor stated that the training and start-up of the new sewer plant needed to be professionally videoed because all the detail involved may need a look back for clarification at a later date. Rudi Arrowood of KingMaker Marketing agreed to video the training.

During July and August of last year when the city was fined for exceeding the ammonia level, the level exceeded the daily maximum and monthly average limits. The State sent notice that the additional fine of \$2,000 was due within 30 days of receipt of correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Community Center Discussion on Opening to Public/Sanitation/Fees. After review and discussion of the Release and Indemnification page prepared by Tim LaFon, Ryan Powers moved to reopen the Community Center as soon as possible and to re-evaluate after one month. Motion carried. Kevin Karnes moved to open the restroom at the shelter. Motion carried.

Street Committee Report. The Mayor mentioned that there would be one more inspection of concrete streets in Berry Hills and Winfield Way. Kevin Karnes asked that the patching in Mariners Landing be checked.

Second and Adoption Reading Ordinance 2020-2021-8 Amendment Article 1347.02. Kevin Karnes moved to hold the second reading of the above amendment with the exclusion of the last sentence which stated “Such dwellings are to be permitted in the Old Town area only and must comply with existing setback requirements” Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pay App #10 SBR Plant. At the recommendation of the Sanitary Board, Steve Hanna moved to release funds for Pay App #10 as follows:

\$241,200.00 - Hayslett Construction.
\$ 17,900.00 – Equipment Line Item – King & Sons LLC – Spreader Trailer
\$ 12,653.00 – Thrasher inspection
\$ 271,753.00 - Total

Lay of the Levy 2021-2022 Tax Year. Kevin Karnes moved to accept the Lay of the Levy as presented. Motion carried.

Class II	Real Estate & Personal Property	\$25/100
Class IV	Real Estate, Personal Property & Public Utility	\$50/100
Total Value & Projected Revenue		\$366,596
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations, & Uncollectable		10,998
Less Tax Discounts		3,556
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		7,041
Total Projected Property Tax Collection		\$345,001

Appointments to Board of Zoning and Appeals. At the recommendation of the Mayor, Ryan Powers moved to approve Derick Jones to the Board of Zoning and Appeals, commencing April 20, 2021.

Ordinance 2020-2021-11 2021 Replacement Pages. Kevin Karnes moved to approve the 2021 replacement pages to the codified ordinances of Winfield. Motion carried.

Revise License Taxes. Ryan Powers moved to approve the first 3 pages of the license presentation, including contractors, and to review the remaining presentation at the next scheduled council meeting. Motion carried.

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds. The Mayor stated that when the money comes in, it will be placed in a separate checking account and has to be spent by December 2024. It can cover stormwater, sewer, COVID related expenses, and fiber. We will be replacing or relining manholes in old town, I & I work in Woodland Forest and Cain Creek, sprayers and air purifiers, 2 panel boxes on 2 stations, and the crossing and rip rap at Falcon Lane. The county has committed to putting in fiber optics. The Mayor stated that he wants to be getting prices and bids, in order to be shovel-ready at the appropriate time.

Take Home Cruiser for Officers holding Supervisory Rank. Chief Arthur stated that a supervisory officer living within 15 miles of Winfield would be better able to assist other officers if he or she could leave directly from home. Ryan Powers moved to approve the cruiser take-home policy. Particulars will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Pace Mural Support Letter, Mural at the Boat Ramp. Kevin Karnes moved to approve the support letter written by the Mayor to the PACE Mural Grant Committee to provide a mural at the boat ramp. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Spring Clean up will be May 15th from 7:00 am-12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder