

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
August 15, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on August 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

Attendance:

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

Staff Present: Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim LaFon, City Counsel, Chief of Police, Jeff Losh, Mark Colón, Officer.

Absent:

Public/Guests:

Approval of Minutes

July 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting – Ryan Powers motion to accept.

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$105,413.45 be approved. Motion carried.

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

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for July 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

A.R.P.A. Hearing no objections or questions, Scott Morris moved to approve the A.R.P.A. statement as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report. Jeff Losh reported on officer and vehicle status. No issues. Officer Mike Deflumeri resigned. School is starting next week so traffic will be heavy along 817, new drop off patterns announced by schools. Josh Twohig & Terry Mills attended the conference in Wheeling to be certified as PRO officers. New officer Mark Colón was sworn in as a new Winfield officer.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. Electric, Gas and Heat installed in new building. Concrete bid has been received, \$4,000 above remaining contingency funds, we are going to move forward and decide next month where the additional funds will be paid. The last day to submit a pay app to the USDA is September 15th.

Ballasts Cards for UV building were installed today, they have been backordered since March.

The Mayor has informed office staff that any new developments wanting to tie into the sewer system in the Winfield Ave area needs prior approval, the plant can take the extra load but the lift stations cannot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. Ryan Powers made a motion to pay \$19,281 to Precision Pump & Valve for the panel board in the last station's riding rink. Motion carried.

Proceed with Home Rule – Tim Lafon met with Home Rule board and discussed the 1% sales tax. In order to move forward and adopt the 1% sales tax, we must reduce some part of our B&O, provide financial justification and adopt a new ordinance.

Tim Lafon suggested getting the figures from Todd Dingess on how much the new tax would generate, wait till B&O goes away. Mayor Barrett stated that the goal is to take in privately owned streets that are in bad shape.

3rd Reading Ordinance 2022-2023-7 Sewer Rate increase – 3rd reading conducted by Mayor Randy Barrett. Dana Campbell motion to approve Ordinance 2022-2023-7 Sewer Rate Increase. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Radio Advertisement – No action taken.

Boat Ramp, Community Center Park – Ryan Powers requested new camera at the Anchor area that would be pointed towards the Community Center and start of the Boat Ramp area. Additional discussion on Street Light between Community Center and Basketball Court and signs stating “Under 24 Hour Video Surveillance” to be installed. Mayor Barrett will work on getting quotes on wireless camera and dusk to dawn light.

Donate Chevy Impala to Winfield Fire Department for demolition – Explorer and two Taurus were sold at auction for \$9,400. Dana Campbell made a motion to donate unused Chevy Impala to Winfield Fire Department for demolition at Putnam County Homecoming on the condition that the Police Stickers and lights be removed and painted over. Ryan Powers abstained from discussion; motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jarred Summers is working on committee for Christmas Parade and is requesting a council member attend.

May 2, 2024 WVML Board Meeting at Fireside Grill, Mayor Barrett would like to see all council and board members to attend.

Winfield Nazarene sent a letter thanking council for the donation to the food bank, it could not have come at a better time.

Laura Cox has a drawing of what she would like to do with the old Sewer Plant property and is looking into grants available.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Dave Mattocks, Recorder