

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on November 8, 2022 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 and Ryan Powers members; Jackie Hunter, Recorder.

Staff Present: Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim LaFon, City Counsel

Absent: Steve Hanna and City Maintenance

Public/Guests:

Approval of Minutes Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried

FINANCIAL:

Bills Paid. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$225,001.07 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 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement. Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for October 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Police and Municipal Staff Report.

Chief Arthur reported that he will be leaving and reporting to his next position as the State School Safety Director on the first Monday in December. He stated that school safety was important to him. The Chief expressed his gratitude and said that everything was caught up and all reports completed. There are still some vacancies but they will be filled and the officers are doing a good job.

In the past the Chief felt that there was a lot of crime reporting but that there was more investigating now. When the academy got an officer from Winfield, they knew they were getting someone of high quality because a quality officer has been his goal rather than filling positions.

The Mayor reported and questioned Tim LaFon about the Bogle and Chapman Environmental court hearings. Tim responded that the Judge has not reset the Bogle hearing because they have reiterated their offer but he expects it to be sometime in December. The judge has moved but not reset the Chapman hearing but there will be a motion to repel because the other side did not answer the discovery. Tim expects this to take place in December.

The Mayor asked Council to be thinking about a radio advertisement for the next Winfield football game which was approved at the last Council meeting.

There have been complaints that the City doesn't have enough activities for the citizens but the mayor explained that we need more volunteers. The Fire Department will be having their Christmas Parade and Santa at the shelter on December 17th and the City will help out using the Fairs and Festivals Fund.

The Building Commission voted to sell the property across from the cemetery. They will meet again in January after the holidays and they should have an appraisal by then.

Reports, Questions and Discussions –Mayor’s Report (cont’d)

Isaac from Thrasher has provided drawings for storm water solutions in Mariner’s Landing and Radwin. In Radwin the water would be turned in the other direction and Mariners would be just a straight shot. Both projects would come in under \$600,000 which Laura Cox explained is small for current available grants.

Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report. The Mayor stated that there were some more minor items on the back burner that needed to be addressed and Thrasher has presented a proposal for \$10,000 that may be needed. Everyone is anxious to close the project. Work on the sludge is ongoing.

Ryan Powers questioned if there would be a grand opening of the plant in the spring but the Mayor felt it would be more likely in the fall.

Laura Cox, the City Planner, has a consultant for MS4 whose services the City may be able to use.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds. No Action

Street Repair Project Update. The Mayor noted that the manhole project is 80% completed and paid except for one manhole that was not correctly completed at Winfield Trace.

Informational Signs. Ryan Powers moved to table for next month with decision in time to calculate in next year’s budget. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

JAG Resolution and Contract. Ryan Powers moved to accept the Resolution authorizing Mayor Barrett to act on Winfield’s behalf and accept the JAG award from Gov. Jim Justice. Motion carried.

Hazard Mitigation Plan. Dana Campbell moved to approve that the Winfield Town Council update the existing Region 3 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Kevin Karnes moved to accept the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

New Business (Cont'd)

Pay APP#2 Contract #2, New SBR Plant. Dana Campbell moved to pay \$109,255.46 for pay app #2, Contract #2. Motion carried.

Pay APP #2 Contract #1, Manhole Project. Ryan Powers moved to pay \$95,938.13 for Pay App #2 Contract #1. Motion carried.

Thrasher Bills for Manhole Project. Ryan Powers moved to pay \$15,805.01 for the Thrasher Manhole Project. Motion carried.

WHS Cheerleader Donation Request. Kevin Karnes moved to donate \$500 to WHS Cheerleaders. Motion carried.

Audit Score Sheets and Summary WWSAO. Kevin Karnes moved to accept the BHM CPA Group, Inc. at \$11,000 for the 2022-2023 yearly audit. Motion carried.

Mayoral Proclamation – Christian Heritage Week. Dana Campbell moved that the Council of the City of Winfield approve the Mayoral Proclamation that November 20-26 is Christian Heritage Week in West Virginia as proclaimed by Governor Jim Justice. Motion carried.

Police Pay Raises. The Mayor said that due to grant monies being more than expected the city has an extra \$13,000 in the budget which would allow for higher police wages. After discussion, Ryan Powers moved to give each certified officer a \$1.00/hr raise and to promote Stephen Thompson to Captain at \$23.00/hr. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER The Mayor stated that he had been interviewing to fill Chief Arthur's position. At this point, the new recruit would not be able to start until February of 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

Jackie Hunter, Recorder

