

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 10, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on August 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 3426 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**Attendance:**

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

**Staff Present.** Tina Woollard, City Clerk/Treasurer; Richie Ferguson, City Maintenance  
Laura Cox, City Planner; and Tim LaFon, City Counsel.

**Public/Guests.** Corey Smith, Project Manager of Thrasher Group, spoke with an update on the SBR Plant and the #3 change order to the original SBR plant contract. Details under SBR Plant Change Order #3.

**Approval of Minutes.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of July 2021 in the amount of \$524,511.15 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 2021 be approved. Motion carried.

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

## **REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:**

### **Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

**Chief Arthur reported:** Winfield is the best small town in WV and the goal is to have the best small-town police force in WV. The scope has changed in the last three months; the streets will be kept safe but now there is less time on the radar and more time being observant. These better people are reporting what they see and what they suspect. Our greatest resource is the citizens in the community; they are more open to tell about what is going on.

There were 201 contacts last month: including calls to the chief, calls to the direct line, and calls to 911. Of those calls, 102 required a police response.

One officer is excelling in criminal intervention and in one week, he was responsible for two felonies and one misdemeanor. One arrest, stopped for suspicious indicators and then a probable cause, was a much larger man wanted for felony in North Carolina and the other was for a man wanted for murder in Alabama.

The force is very compatible and supportive of each other and they could be put up against any small police force out there.

**The Mayor reported:** Officers Josh Twohig and Rob Perry have been certified and PRO leadership commented on the high quality of these individuals.

There was some water damage at Roy Kuhl Sports. The drain needing cleaned was one issue. Our senator was contacted and he has been in touch with engineers. Corrections could be accomplished in a day or two.

An email was sent out to put the City's name on a list for a grant and we were notified that we had received a grant of \$3200 for the Water Festival.

The Homecoming is coming up Sept.11-12 and one of the committee members went up to the County Commission meeting and was guaranteed \$1,000 for some equipment rental.

The truck came in for the SBR Plant and is currently out getting a bed installed. When returned, it will have a logo placed.

## **Police and Municipal Staff Report- (cont'd)**

### **Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.**

Ritchie Ferguson reported clean up from a major storm and sewer repair on 2<sup>nd</sup> street. The ammonia level was .51 mg/L after adjustments, most recent results recieved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Street Committee Report.** No action taken

### **Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds.**

A.R.P.A money came in a couple of weeks ago and it was moved to a separate account at Poca Valley. Two requested panel boxes at about \$15,000 each have been ordered. The contractor has been notified to put the rip rap at Falcon Lane and the exposed sewer pipe on his schedule.

There are many indications that there is more money becoming available but there are no specific guidelines as to how the present money can be spent. The Mayor stated that he thinks that the overrun on the shelter at the Community Center, due to price increases in materials, can be covered with this money.

Thrasher will be contacted to check out all the old DI's with brick sides to see what could be improved by utilizing some of this money.

Laura Cox, City Planner, mentioned that she had spoken to the Deputy Auditor and was told that a final decision on how A.R.P.A. monies can be spent would be coming down on August 15<sup>th</sup> and set in stone. Until then, monies that could be spent without the danger of having to pay it back could go to first responders like police and fireman.

**Discuss TIF District Ordinance for Parks** Ryan Powers moved to have Tim LaFon look further into the subject matter. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Open Pavement Repair Bids.

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| Parsons Contracting LLC | \$73,500 |
| Toby Brown              | \$89,900 |

Kevin Karnes moved to accept Parsons Contracting LLC at \$73,500. Motion carried.

**SBR Plant Change Order #3 for Contract #1** Corey Smith gave an update on the SBR Plant and explained Change Order #3. He reported that the sludge and dewatering segment was under estimated but was diligently being worked to complete. The greatest holdup is that the landfill can only take 4 loads a day, resulting in stockpiling the sludge.

Three weeks ago there was a checklist of 60 outstanding items, including sludge, and half of those have been completed. Some items are waiting on parts.

The plant has passed 2 months of required testing. Electrical problems, possibly from lighting or voltage spikes have caused some damage to the control switch of the generator and to some of the pumps. AEP is investigating.

The change order consists of Increasing the contract price by \$36,268.04 and Installing 5 Seine Wave Line conditioners on 5 blowers; 2 pumps that are on VFDs; installing a utility sink and an eyewash stations in the sludge press room; installing waterproof outlet covers and thermostat covers in sludge press room and truck bay #2; installing an additional 12 ft. gate on the riverside of WWTP and moving final completion date by 90 days to October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ryan Powers moved to approve Change Order #3 as presented. Ryan Powers rescinded his motion and moved that Change Order #3 be approved without the extension of the contract completion date. Motion carried.

**Partnering with Winfield Living for Community Publications.** Steve Hanna moved that the city partner with the Winfield Living Publication at the cost of \$3,000 for a year. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

**Donation to River to Ridge for Panels.** Ryan Powers moved to donate \$700 out of the Coal Severance budget to the River to Ridge organization to commemorate the Winfield Ferry. Joe Rumbaugh abstained. Motion carried.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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Randy L. Barrett, Mayor

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Jackie Hunter, Recorder