**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Barrett called the meeting of the Winfield City Council to order on September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV.

**Attendance:**

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

**Staff Present:**  Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Treasurer, Tim LaFon, City Counsel and Bill Harper, Sewer Plant Manager.

**Public/Guests:** Isaac Fadiga with Thrasher and Greg Winter

**Approval of Minutes** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried

**FINANCIAL:**

**Bills Paid.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the bills paid for the month of August 2022 in the amount of $127,891.15 be approved. Motion carried.

**General Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the financial statement for the month of August 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

**Coal Severance Fund Financial Statement.** Hearing no objections or questions, Ryan Powers moved that the Coal Severance Statement for August 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.

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**REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:**

**Police and Municipal Staff Report.**

**Officer Thornton reported** in the absence of Chief Arthur that it had been a quiet month with nothing out of the ordinary. Children are back in school as is the PRO section of the police department.

 Winfield’s newest officer, Michael Deflumeri, was presented to the Council. After the introduction, Mayor Barrett conducted a swearing-in formality for Officer Deflumeri.

**The Mayor reported:** The Sewer Board voted to reimburse the City monthly with a $6500 check until the utility tax collected on each sewer bill in previous years and not transferred to the City is paid in full.

**Wastewater System/Treatment Plant Report.** Bill Harper reported that there were no major issues at the SBR Plant. The contractor has been rehabbing the manholes in old town. Six have been completed and it will take about 3 weeks altogether to complete the project.

The Mayor mentioned that Bill had to take a sample of the dirt and it’s on the way to WVU. We still didn’t have permission to take the sludge to the farm in Plantation.

The Mayor reported that after the Sanitary Board and Council approved the final pay app on the S.B.R. Plant, the U.S.D.A. stated that a letter of satisfaction had to first be submitted. The Mayor stated that if the Sanitary Board and Council knew that in advance, they would not have approved the final Pay APP. They said they would give us more time to spend our contingency money and figure out what has to be done to fix our lightning issues.

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**REPORTS, QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (cont.):**

Isaac Fadiga with The Thrasher group gave a report from Brian Hensley, Thrasher’s electrical engineer, who met onsite with a representative from Boyd CAT at the wastewater treatment plant. They met to discuss previous lightning strikes and damages that occurred and how to help dissipate these strikes. The Sanitary Board voted to accept Thrasher’s proposal to fix the issues as long as it does not exceed $10,000. Dana Campbell suggested Thrasher also look at how dry the land is at the Sewer plant, Mayor Barrett asked how deep and wet are the SBR’s, and Kevin Karnes asked Isaac about a halo in the electrical room.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Infrastructure Projects Utilizing the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds/General Funds.** No action taken.

**Street Repair Project.** Myers Paving bid $27,000 for black top only. C.J. Hughes bid $69,000 for concrete only. This was more than was budgeted for street repairs. Kevin Karnes moved to approve the bids and to give the Mayor authority to negotiate a 10% discount if possible. Motion carried.

**Projector TV Council Chambers.** The Mayor showed Council that the TV’s from Best Buy came in and were installed, the cost so far has been $1680.96 which is well below the approved $4,000. The Mayor and Council agreed that since we were unable to complete the camera project as we had hoped that the additional budgeted money could go toward another HDMI TV in the Mayor's office to view security cameras from his office.

**Coal Severance Expenditures.** The beautification products ordered from Gritt’s Greenhouse have never come in and grant money for his project will expire in December. Mayor Barrett has communicated this to Gritt’s.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Informational Signs.** Tabled for more information.

**Hire New Police Officer for a Task Force.**  No action

**Swear in New Officer.** See Police and Municipal staff reports.

**Putnam County First Responder Appreciation Day.** The Mayor said he didn’t have time to bring a donation before Council so he personally donated $250 as an appreciation. Steve Hanna moved to reimburse $250 to the Mayor. Motion carried.

**Trick or Treat.** Kevin Karnes moved that Trick or Treat in Winfield should be from
6:00-7:30 on Oct. 31st.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**ADJOURNMENT**With no further business, Dana Campbell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

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 Randy L. Barrett, Mayor Jackie Hunter, Recorder