

CITY OF WINNFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 by Mayor George Moss. Those present in addition to Mayor Moss were Councilpersons Holden, Junkin, Miller, Hamms, and Phillips, Katina Smith, City Clerk, and Herman Castete City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Councilperson Matt Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cassidy Martin

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

1.Remove New Business Action item #2, Accept minutes from the January 29, 2020 Special Meeting- Junkin

On motion by Councilperson Junkin duly seconded by Councilperson Holden, the Council after no discussion or no public comment item #2 was removed from agenda for incorreced post of meeting.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden, Phillips, Miller, Junkin)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

2. Guest and Audience Participation add item #3- Main Street Traffic Lights- Miller

Accept Agenda as Amended

On motion of Councilperson Junkin, seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no public comment, the agenda as amended was accepted by unanimous vote.

Guest and Audience Participation

Item #1- Joshua Walker with Halff Associates (Civil Engineer Company) addressed the Mayor and Council about the Texas based organization in which he travels from the Texas area to bring what they do on a big scale to bring home to Louisiana. Mr. Walker spear heads Louisiana Trails to bring bike trails in the Winnfield area. Mr. Walker is working with Kansas City railroad on these trails being present in Winnfield on the north/ south right away (Northwest from Sibley to downtown and the Rock Island coming from the North and going South). Mr. Walker stated that he is working outside of the City trying to bring the trails inside Winnfield and these trails can have a very financial impact on the economy. Mr. Walker stated that Halff Associates strive to develop smart projects and solutions, because they want to create opportunity for cleaner environment.

Mr. Walker asked if there were any questions?

Mayor Moss asked Mr. Walker if he could give an update from a previous meeting, they attended in Baton Rouge concerning the widening of Highway 84. Mr. Walker stated that he has not heard of any updates. There was an engineering firm Buchar Horn has a feasibility and planning stages with Dotd to widen Highway 84 leaving town on both sides. The firm will widen near McDonald's and P.K. Smith, so developing a nice trail and recreation area would be great.

Item#2- Mary Kay Brown with LA Watershed Initiative addressed the Mayor and Council about their program. This project is a 1.2 billion project and funding source to handle drainage issues. Ms. Brown contacted Mayor Moss in November and encouraged Mayor Moss to take advantage of the initial application period. This is a preapplication that has been submitted and the next step is waiting to apply when the program begins. Ms. Brown left maps as r

Councilperson Junkin asked what are looking for as far as the end results of this program?

Ms. Brown stated that it would be home buyouts in flood zone areas and recreational opportunity. This project is 100% financing, and this is a way to mitigate funding from the federal government to the State.

Councilperson Phillips asked in the property that they would buyout, what would be the process for handling their property? Ms. Brown stated that this is always an issue, but you must go thru the process and declare, but it can be conquered.

Item #3- Councilperson Miller gave an update on the traffic lights on Main Street and stated that the City has been in contact with the City of Alexandria, LA. to purchase some of their refurbished traffic lights to replace our non-working traffic lights and this should happen in the near future per administrative assistant Angel Martin

Old Business- Action Items

None

Old Business- Non-Action Items

None

New Business-Action Items

Item #1- Accept Minutes from the January 30, 2020 Special meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Junkin duly seconded by Councilperson Phillips, the Council after no discussion or no public comment the minutes from January 30, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden, Phillips, Miller, Junkin)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

Item #2- Accept Minutes from the January 29,2020 Special meeting- Mayor

Item removed

Item #3- Accept Minutes from the January 21, 2020 Special meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Holden, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no discussion or no public comment, the minutes from January 21, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden Junkin, Phillips, Miller)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

Item #4- Accept Minutes from the January 08, 2020 Special meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no discussion or no public comment, the minutes from January 08, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden Junkin, Phillips, Miller)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

Item#5- Accept Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Regular meeting- Mayor

On motion by Councilperson Junkin, duly seconded by Councilperson Miller, after no discussion or no public comment, the minutes from January 14, 2020 were approved by unanimous vote.

Yeas: 5 (Hamms, Holden Junkin, Phillips, Miller)

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

Item# 6- Resolution of 2020 MWPP (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention)- Holden

A resolution offered by Councilperson Holden at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana held on February 11, 2020, to-wit.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Winnfield a responsibility to inform the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality of certain actions taken by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield that the City of Winnfield hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana:

1. Reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Water Discharge Permit System (LWSPS) number LA 0043915.
 - a) Continue Environmental Compliance.
 - b) To allocate funds necessary for the upkeep, upgrades, repairs, and operations of the present treatment facilities to maintain the quality of effluent required by our permit.
 - c) To continue the education of our plant operators necessary for their certificate qualifications.

This resolution was offered on motion by Councilperson Holden and seconded by Councilperson Junkin.

Ayes: 5 (Councilperson Junkin, Miller, Phillips, Hamms, Holden)

Absent: 0

Nays: 0

Abstaining: 0

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared that the motion passed, and the resolution was adopted.

Date: 11th day of February 2020.

George Moss

Katina Smith

George Moss, Mayor

Katina Smith, City Clerk

Item #7- Resolution of Cooperative Agreement between Winn Playground and Recreation Board and Winn Dixie Youth- Mayor

A resolution offered by Councilperson Junkin at a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield; Louisiana held on February 11, 2020.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Dixie Youth Baseball program is extremely beneficial to the youth of the City of Winnfield and Winn Parish, Louisiana, and the City of Winnfield is desirous of providing for the continued relationship between the Winn Recreation Board and Dixie Youth:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield that they support the Winn Recreation Board’s continuing contract with Dixie Youth in order to promote the continued summer baseball program for the youth of Winnfield and Winn Parish, Louisiana.

This resolution was offered on motion by Councilperson Junkin and seconded by Councilperson Holden.

Yeas: 5 (Councilperson Junkin, Phillips, Holden, Hamms, Miller)
Absent: 0
Nays: 0
Abstaining: 0

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared that the motion passed, and the resolution adopted.

Date: February 11, 2020

George Moss

Katina Smith

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

Item #8-Resolution for Louisiana Forest Festival of Winn - Junkin

A resolution offered by Councilperson Junkin at a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield; Louisiana held on February 11, 2020.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Forest Festival of Winn is extremely beneficial to the City of Winnfield and is desirous of providing the sale of alcoholic beverages during the scheduled concert hosted by the Forest Festival on Friday, April 24, 2020:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield that the Louisiana Forest Festival of Winn is hereby authorized to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the enclosed area of the amphitheater at the Winn Parish Fairgrounds, Winnfield, Louisiana, on Friday, April 24, 2020, from 5:00 o’clock in the afternoon until 12:00 o’clock midnight.

This resolution was offered on motion by Councilperson Junkin and seconded by Councilperson Phillips.

Yeas: 4(Councilperson Junkin, Phillips, Holden, Hamms)
Absent: 0
Nays: 1(Councilperson Miller)
Abstaining: 0

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared that the motion passed, and the resolution adopted.

Date: February 11, 2020

George Moss

Katina Smith

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

Item #9- Introduction of Ordinance No. 4 of 2020- Employee Starting Pay Scale- Hamms

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Hamms at the regular scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on February 11, 2020, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE STARTING RATES OF PAY FOR ALL NON-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD, TO PROVIDE FOR ANY RELATED MATTERS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

The above ordinance will be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield to be held March 10, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS, NON-ACTION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Discussion was had:

Mayor announced Mardi Gras Parade will be February 15, 2020, downtown and the plans the City has for a 30th year Celebration premier for Blaze.

Councilperson Junkin encouraged everyone to partake in the Census Survey and the importance to complete

On motion of Councilperson Holden, seconded by Councilperson Junkin, the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held February 11, 2020 was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:29 p.m.

Katina Smith

George Moss

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR